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Your home made preserves, jams and jellies is about out and you are wondering where you can get something to piece out till the fresh fruit comes again.

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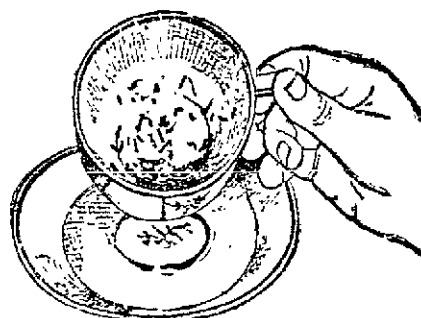
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Our store is literally filled with bargains. Come and ask a few questions.

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By the grounds in a tea cup is uncertain. There is no uncertainty about the prices we are selling patent medicines for.

Regular	Our
Price	Price
Hood's Sarsaparilla	\$1.00 54c
Green Mt. Rescuer	1.00 60c
Hilton's Specific No. 3	50c 30c
Carver's Pills	25c 2 for 25c
Allee's K's Plasters	20c 2 for 25c
Ayer's Sarsaparilla	1.00 50c
Peruna	1.00 80c
Cuticura Soap	25c 20c
Coke Diarrhoea Cure	1.00 75c
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We do the prescription business. Why? Because our goods are of first quality, no old stock used. Prescription department always in charge of experienced druggists. Wilson House Drug Store. The recognized Prescription Pharmacists.

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If there is no difference in SAUSAGE, why people will persist in having our own make even though they put themselves to considerable trouble to get them.

Our Sausage sales for this year are twice what they have ever been before, pretty good evidence they are satisfactory.

If you have not tried them it is time you did, and we are sure of having you for a customer afterwards. Just the same with our open kettle rendered PURE LARD, and we are willing to put it to the test at any time. There can be nothing better produced and we can prove it. Prices same as any other. Conveniently put up in 3, 5 and 10 lb. pails.

Just received another invoice of these delicious CANNED BEETS. Everyone who has had them is more than pleased with them. They will certainly please you.

Bateman's City Market

SWITZERLAND WILL NOT INTERVENE

Skirmishes All Day Sunday North of Kimberley in Boer Retreat. News of Mafeking's Relief Still Awaited. Indications are That Boers will Not Make a Stand in Orange Free State. General Schalkburger Arrives at Pretoria From Natal. Boers Believe United States Intervention will Yet Prevail

SWITZERLAND WILL NOT

Council Regrets It Cannot Hold to Idea of Intervention

Berne, Switzerland, March 21—The Swiss federal council answers the Boer appeal for mediation in effect that as Great Britain has declared to Washington she does not propose to accept the intervention of any power, the council with regret must renounce the idea of taking any steps on the line suggested.

It expresses a wish that the bel-ligerents may soon succeed in finding a basis of understanding honorable to both parties.

London, March 21—About the only news from Africa comes from Warrenton north of Kimberley that there was desultory fighting all day Sunday, resulting in the retreat of the Boers towards Christiana under shell fire.

Nothing new comes from Colonel Plumer, and Mafeking, apparently, still awaits relief.

The Pretoria account of the skirmish at Fourteen Streams March 16, says the Boer command was preparing to destroy the railroad bridge and the engagement lasted half an hour with the result that one bugler was slightly wounded.

The same despatch announces the arrival at the Transvaal capital of General Schalkburger from Natal.

The second edition of the Times, today publishes a despatch from Bloemfontein dated Monday, March 19, which says: "The blowing up of the bridges by the Boers is an evident sign that the Transvaalers intend to abandon their defence in the Free State."

All is quiet in the south and west.

A corps of young Boers from the farms surrounding Bloemfontein under an imperial officer, has been detailed for police work and to prevent further looting of abandoned farms by Kaffirs.

It is said when President Kruger left Bloemfontein after his recent visit there, President Steyn's parting remark was: "Mind the British do not catch you, or you will get better quarters at St. Helena than I."

Rudyard Kipling has gone to Bloemfontein.

The Boers at Aliwal north are reported to be still holding a position in the big hills on the Free State side.

From a Pretoria dispatch it appears some misunderstanding regarding Lord Salisbury's reply to the American offer of mediation exists there. It has been quoted to the effect that Lord Salisbury said he could not accept the intervention of another power, which leads to the belief that American representations would be listened to in the final settlement.

Colonial Office Cable Proclamation

Bearing on Destruction of Property

While there is an unavoidably long lull in the military operations the political surroundings of the war show interesting developments. The colonial office has telegraphed to Cape Town the text of the proclamation concerning the destruction of property. This will not be published in London until after its promulgation in South Africa; but it is known that it will convey an intimation that any wanton destruction of British property during the war will be regarded as warranting a claim for compensation and as justifying a levy upon private property, should the resources of the Transvaal republic prove inadequate.

The fact that the proclamation is issued by the colonial office is regarded as a significant indication that the republics will be administered as crown colonies. In this connection it is understood that the leaders of the opposition in parliament now admit that no other settlement is possible, since the republics insist upon their demand for absolute independence. In view of this the efforts of the Liberals will be confined to securing in the settlement the best treatment for the Dutch population, including security against their disfranchisement.

It is becoming regarded as quite a settled matter that, should the war be ended, as is now hoped, before June, the government will dissolve parliament and appeal to the country on the basis of a successful South African policy. Should the war drag on, dissolution will be postponed until next spring. In any event one of the foremost planks of the government platform will be army reorganization.

There is no further information as to the movements of Sir Alfred Milner. It is regarded as certain, however, that he has gone to Bloemfontein to arrange for the temporary administration of the Free State.

Mr. Steyn's reply to Lord Roberts' charges of the misuse of flags of truce is commented upon as impertinent and ridiculous; and Lord Roberts' course in closing a useless discussion is commended as wise.

GOEBEL'S MURDERER WILL BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE IF SOLDIER'S STORY IS TRUE

Man Who Fired the Shot Said to Be a Mulatto, and a Dead Shot. Supposed to Be Hiding in the Mountain Wilds

Louisville, March 21—The stories growing out of the conference between Sergeant F. W. Golden of the Barbourville company of state militia and the attorneys who are managing the investigation of the assassination of Mr. Goebel have caused a sensation throughout the state. Goebel will be placed on the stand by the prosecution in the trial of the persons already arrested for alleged complicity in the assassination, but information as to the exact nature of the testimony he is expected to give is lacking.

Specials from Winchester say Golden is at that place in company with his attorneys. "I will do all I can for my friends all the time," Golden is reported as saying, "but I must first be true to myself. When the time comes I will tell all I know."

The story is published that Golden has divulged to the attorneys the name of the man who fired the shot that killed Goebel.

Goebel. The person mentioned is a mulatto, who formerly lived at Winchester, was prominent in the French-Eversole feud, and is known as a dead shot. This man is now supposed to be in the wilds of one of the mountain counties. Evidence that he was in Frankfort at the time of the assassination was found among papers taken from W. H. Culton, a clerk in the auditor's office, when the latter was arrested a week or so ago on a warrant charging him with being an accessory to the murder.

Among these papers were receipts for board bills amounting to about \$200, incurred by 18 men who were in Frankfort for some time before and at the time Goebel was shot. In one of these receipts the name of the mulatto mentioned is given. The receipt in this case is for money received from John Perkins by Bettina Pittman for the board of three men. Perkins is a porter about the state house.

RAISED WAGES; TO ADVANCE PRICES

Coal Association Decides to Take from Consumers the Money Paid to Miners

Cleveland, Ohio, March 21—As a result of the recent increase of wages granted the Massillon miners, the Massillon district coal operators association has decided to raise the price of coal 25 cents per ton. The increase in the wages of the miners, it is stated, amounted to 20 per cent. The advance in the price of coal is to take effect April 1.

TRAMPS ATTEMPTED TO MURDER A BOY

Asked for Food, Then Pinioned the Boy and Hung Him from the Rafters

Fall River, March 21—Two tramps demanded food from the 10-year-old son of Abram Absentee in Westport in the family's absence, then tied the boy's arms, slipped a noose over his head and hung him from the rafters. He was discovered an hour later, unconscious and black in the face. It was three hours before he recovered. The country is excited.

General Buller's Forward Movement Will Not Be Long Delayed

Indications from Natal seem to show that General Buller's forward movement will not be long delayed.

The government has decided that Major General Sir Frederick Carrington shall command a colonial force of 5000, including the 2500 men Mr. Chamberlain asked from Australia, which will be stationed on the northern Transvaal border to prevent Boer retreat or an incursion into Rhodesia.

A statement comes from Pretoria admitting that the Boer losses during the war exceed 7000.

No fresh news has been received from Mafeking, but a Pretoria dispatch, dated Thursday, March 15, asserts that Colonel Plumer has not been able to advance south of Lobatsi.

The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, March 20:

"Kitchener occupied Prieska yesterday unopposed. The rebels surrendered their arms. The Transvaalers escaped across the river."

"Mr. Steyn is circulating a notice, by means of dispatch riders, in reply to my proclamation, to the effect that any burgher who signs a declaration that he will not fight against us again will be treated as a traitor and shot."

"The Bloemfontein people are offering us every assistance in the matter of hospital accommodations. We have consequently been able to arrange for 500 beds."

"Thirty-three prisoners were taken at Prieska, 200 stands of arms and some supplies and explosives."

"The Boers have begun to surrender on the Basutoland frontier."

HEROIC COLORED MAN SAVES SEVEN LIVES

Swinging by the Legs He Takes Children from Father's Arms

New York, March 21—Seven lives were saved by the gallant work of a young colored man, M. S. Anderson, 21, during the fire in the flat house on West 144th street this morning.

He detected the fire on the way to work, when the flames had made great headway.

In the window of the second story stood a man with six little children, their escape cut off.

With two others Anderson ran to the third story of the next building and with his companions holding his legs, Anderson swung himself head down, saving his body backward and forward he managed to reach the children as they were held up to him by the father.

All were rescued in this manner.

A GRANITE TRUST FORMED AT QUINCY

After Years of Negotiation the Organization Was Completed Today

Quincy, Mass., March 21—After years of negotiations the consolidation of a number of Quincy granite quarries was effected today.

The syndicate is to be known as the Quincy Quarries company. It is organized in the state of New Jersey on a capital of two million and a half.

It includes 520 acres of quarry land, and comprises 13 quarries. The first mortgage bond of \$1,750,000 has been issued to the American Loan and Trust company. The deeds were signed for by John Swithin of Quincy, as president, and J. K. Hayward of Boston as treasurer.

HOUSE COMMITTEE DECIDES TO INVESTIGATE MACRUM

Washington, March 21—The house committee on foreign affairs has decided to investigate the allegations of Charles F. Macrum, ex-consul to Pretoria, relative to the opening of mail by the British.

Mr. Macrum has been called to Washington.

ADMIRAL DEWEY IMPROVED INTENDS TO REVIEW PARADE

Savannah, Ga., March 21—Admiral Dewey is a little improved today. He is stronger, but unable to leave his room.

This morning's part of the celebration was abandoned.

The admiral promises, however, to review the parade this afternoon. General Miles and party are expected tonight.

FITCHBURG MEETING

Stockholders Convene Today to Consider Leasing to Boston & Maine

WAS ADJOURNED TILL TOMORROW

Lease Provisions Explained and Thought They Could Not Be Improved. Believed Favorable Vote Will Be Taken

Boston, March 21—A special meeting of 250 stockholders of the Fitchburg railroad was held this noon in Burnstead hall to consider the offer of the Boston and Maine to lease the Fitchburg.

President Codman presided.

L. S. Dabney moved the stockholders to approve the lease as presented, which, in brief, guarantees 5 per cent to preferred and one per cent to the common stockholders, agreeing to buy the 50,000 shares of common stock owned by the state and 5000 from private ownership at par on the basis of an exchange of the 3 per cent Boston and Maine bonds.

He made a short address, stating that all suggestions that had been made had been incorporated into the lease and he knew of nothing more that could be added.

Charles E. Ware of Fitchburg seconded the motion and urged the stockholders to accept the proposition.

He said the lease had been examined by the most experienced railroad lawyers and was found to adequately protect the interests of the stockholders.

The discussion continued at some length, when a motion to adjourn until tomorrow at 11:30 o'clock was carried.

It is expected the vote will be taken tomorrow.

PARIS HAS AN EXCITING INCIDENT

Defeated Druggist Attempts to Murder Judge at Palace of Justice

Paris, March 21—An incident occurred at the palace of justice today when an attempt was made to murder the presiding judge of the fifth court by a druggist who had just lost his suit.

Five shots were fired, grazing the judge's head.

The man was imprisoned quickly.

The judge with perfect coolness, said to counsel: "You can continue, Maitre, it is nothing."

NOTORIOUS CHINESE GANG ARRESTED IN CALIFORNIA

San Francisco, March 21—The police raided the Hibinifors last night and arrested six of the most notorious members of the Suey Sing Tong, each one accused of at least one murder, several of more.

The supposed leader is So Ho Mun, charged with four murders.

FINANCIAL

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

Received through the office of Lehman & Co., Commission Stock Brokers, Burlingame block, Tel. 232-12.			
Atch	24 1/2	23 3/4	24 1/4
Atch pr	69 1/2	68 1/2	69 1/2
B. R. T.	73 1/2	71	72 1/2
C. B. & Q.	127 1/2	126 1/2	127 1/2
Cont. Tobacco	33 1/2	32 1/2	33 1/2
C. C. C.	62	60 1/2	62
Fed Steel	52 1/2	50 1/2	52 1/2
Fed. Steel pr	75 1/2	74 1/2	75 1/2
Lea pr	73 1/2	73	73 1/2
L. & N.	82 1/2	82 1/2	82 1/2
Man	95 1/2	96 1/2	97
Mo Pac	47 1/2	46	46 1/2
M. K. T. pr	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2
N. Y. C.	135 1/2	135 1/2	135 1/2
P. M.	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
P. M. Gas	101 1/2	99	100 1/2
Rubber	31	31	31
Rock Island	110 1/2	109 1/2	110 1/2
Reading pr	59	57 1/2	58 1/2
Southern Pac	40 1/2	39 1/2	40 1/2
St. Paul	124 1/2	124 1/2	124 1/2
Sugar	107 1/2	105 1/2	106 1/2
T. C. I.	95 1/2	94 1/2	94 1/2
Tobacco	108 1/2	107 1/2	108
Union Pac	53 1/2	51 1/2	53 1/2
Union Pac pr	75 1/2	74 1/2	75 1/2
W. U.	84 1/2	84	84
Wab pr	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
Wire	56 1/2	54 1/2	56 1/2

CHICAGO MARKET.

Wheat	66 1/2	66 1/2	66 1/2
May	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
July	67 1/2	67 1/2	67 1/2
Corn	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
May	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
July	37 1/2	37 1/2	37 1/2
Oats	24	24	24
May	24	24	24
Pork	1135	1135	1135
May	1135	1135	1135
Lard	605	610	605
May	605	610	605

COTTON

May	948	949	942	946
August	927	930	922	928
December	904	796	792	796

Outing Shirts

Spring is here according to the almanac and so we are fully prepared to show you our complete spring stock of fancy outing shirts from Cluett Peabody & Co., Hutchinson & Pierce, Halloway, L. O. Brand and the famous Outing made.

\$1.00 Quality

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\$1.50 Quality

That is our quality \$1.50, for you will find many a \$2 shirt in our range of \$1.50 goods. There are no goods too good to go in this lot or workmen too skilled to make them. We command the best in the trade to produce this line. Splendid variety of patterns and sizes to fit all. See our corner window.

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Spring Medicines

SEC. ROOT'S OBSERVATIONS

Affairs in Cuba Show Them to Be of a Most Satisfactory Character

Washington, March 21.—Secretary of War Root yesterday consented to talk for publication as to existing conditions in Cuba, and the possibilities of the people in the direction of self-government. The secretary's opinions are the result of his recent observations during his recent trip to the island.

During Mr. Root's trip he visited the provinces of Havana, Matanzas and Pinar del Rio, and made it a point to note carefully the condition of the people and their industries and to discuss with individuals as well as officials in all the places at which he stopped on questions affecting their interests. His inquiries and observations covered a large number of subjects, and gave him a fund of information which will be of value to the president and to the war department in its future dealings with the Cubans. On the whole, the secretary expressed himself as satisfied with what he saw. The people, he said, appeared to be getting along very well, and peace prevailed throughout the country.

Naturally the question of ultimate independence of the island came up for discussion during the secretary's visit to Cuba, but he was not prepared to say just when the United States government would be willing that this should be a reality. Incidental to this matter, which is uppermost in the Cuban mind, are the formative steps that will bring it about.

The first of these, viz., the holding of the municipal elections at an early date, was a subject that Secretary Root discussed freely, particularly with the United States officials on the island, and the arrangements for carrying into effect this first step towards an independent government were matters into which Mr. Root looked very carefully.

"These elections," said the secretary, "will be the Cubans' first effort toward popular government. Unaccustomed as they are to these things, they are as the babe unborn, and have everything to learn. The whole plan for making effective the scheme of municipal suffrage has to be very carefully worked out, and the people instructed in all the details. This involves a vast amount of labor and takes considerable time, but ultimately it will be worked out, and the elections will take place. I hardly believe, however, that the authorities will be quite ready for holding the elections by the first of May."

Secretary Root was not prepared to venture an opinion as to just when he believed this government would grant complete independence to the Cubans. The declaration in the joint resolution of congress, however, granting them full independence, would, he declared, be carried out. He pointed out how it was necessary that the municipal governments should be firmly established on a working basis, after which attention would be given to the selection of a constitutional convention, for the purpose of framing a constitution for the island, and its adoption by the people. Following this, and the establishment of a firm government in the island, the secretary felt would be time for the formal recognition of the independence of the authorities of the United States.

Mr. Root made it a feature of his visit to talk with the leaders of what has been known as the revolutionary element of the population, and those who are opposed to annexation to the United States, and he said they were not impatient over what were regarded as necessary and reasonable delays in the formation of a well-established government.

The secretary said that he believed that when a stable and settled policy of rule had been established the island would have a season of prosperity, and that outside capital as well as much now there remaining uninvested, because of the uncertainty that exists, would find its way into the channels of trade and agriculture.

From High Life to Prison.
Boston, March 21.—Champanne and women caused the downfall of John F. Soule, who was sentenced by Judge Bell to state prison for not less than 2½ nor more than four years for larceny of \$2500 from the Heath & Milligan Manufacturing company of Chicago, of which he was the eastern agent. Soule had been living a dual life in this city and had become a regular attendant at one of the churches, the pastor of which appeared in court to testify in his behalf.

Strike Fund Almost Exhausted.
Pawtucket, R. I., March 21.—The strike at the Lonsdale company's mills, which has been in effect since Dec. 11, has practically come to an end, as the National Federation of Textile Operatives has refused further support to the Blackstone Valley Weavers' association in connection with this strike. The \$1200 in the treasury when the strike started is nearly exhausted.

No Prospect of Settlement.
Bridford, Me., March 21.—An effort made by the local board of trade to effect a settlement of the strike in the Shaw & Pettie machine shop was unsuccessful. The board's offer of mediation was declined by the strikers' union, while the agent of the shop said that he would never consent to recognize the shop as a union concern.

In the Interest of Science.
Stamford, Conn., March 21.—William C. Hoyt has begun for the United States weather bureau a series of experiments with kites, which will be continued throughout New England during the summer. The object of the experiments is to obtain temperatures at different altitudes in various parts of the country.

Strike Unlikely to Reach Baltimore.
Baltimore, March 21.—Owing to the fact that Baltimore machinists and shipworkers were granted the nine-hour day some time ago, which, it is said, is the object of the impending struggle at Chicago and other points, Baltimore workmen do not feel that even a sympathetic strike here is likely.

Renounces Spanish Citizenship.
Rome, March 21.—Don Carlos, the Spanish pretender, has appeared in court at Lucena and renounced his Spanish citizenship. He declared that he was an Austrian subject.

TWO CONVENTIONS
ENDORSE MCKINLEY

Columbia, S. C., March 21.—The Republican state convention met here yesterday and elected four delegates to the national Republican convention. The convention adopted a platform embracing the principles of the Republican party as set forth at St. Louis in 1896. McKinley's administration was endorsed and Bryanism and Democracy were denounced as a menace to prosperity. The delegates were instructed to support McKinley.

Little Rock, March 21.—The Republican state convention adjourned last night after electing delegates to the national convention and declaring for the re-nomination of President McKinley. The platform adopted endorses the administration of President McKinley and opposes trusts and favors the Nicaragua canal, to be owned and controlled by the American government, and endorses the protective tariff policy.

A Manufacturer's Complaint.
Chicago, March 21.—Several large manufacturers appeared before the subcommittee of the congressional industrial commission, which met here yesterday to investigate manufacturing conditions in the west. W. J. Chalmers was the principal witness yesterday. He characterized trades unionism in this country as the most gigantic and arrogant trust ever organized, and also bitterly criticized the method of choosing the judiciary by popular vote in Illinois. Mr. Chalmers claimed that manufacturers in Chicago had for years been practically without police protection, and charged that this condition of affairs was due entirely to politics.

Released From Sanitarium.
Hartford, March 21.—Edward B. Swift of Shrewsbury, N. J., who was committed to a private sanitarium in South Windham three years ago by Judge Daniels of Windham, has been discharged. A hearing was to have been held in the court of common pleas here yesterday, on habeas corpus proceedings, instituted by Arthur C. Swift, for the discharge of his brother, alleging illegality in the commitment. The hearing did not take place, as Swift was released voluntarily by those in charge of the sanitarium.

Premium on Dead Rats.
Astoria, Ore., March 21.—The city council, unanimously passed an order last night, providing a bounty of 5 cents a head for all dead rats delivered to the chief of police. The ordinance will remain in force 90 days. This action is taken as a precautionary measure against the possible appearance of a plague in this city arising from ships coming here from infected ports.

Served in Two Wars.
Boston, March 21.—General Zealous B. Tower, U. S. A. (retired), died at Cohasset Tuesday night, aged 81 years. He was graduated from the military academy in 1847 and saw active service in the Mexican and Civil wars, serving with distinction in both and being retired in 1883. He was superintendent of the military academy from July 8, 1864, till the following September.

Maxwell Pleads Not Guilty.
Portland, Me., March 21.—Elmer Maxwell, who is charged with killing Captain Bailey of the schooner J. B. Van Duzen in the Bay of Fundy, last November, was arraigned on Tuesday upon the indictment found against him by the grand jury of the United States district court. He pleaded not guilty, and his trial fixed for May 1.

Lasters Refused an Increase.
Lynn, Mass., March 21.—The lasters employed in the shoe factory of William D. Sprague & Co. were locked out by the firm on Tuesday, on account of the men asking for an increase of 1/2 cent a pair on low-cut sandals manufactured by the concern. The men will fight the firm, and will put pickets on the factory. Mr. Sprague said he expected to hire other lasters at once.

Socialists Accused of Selling Out.
Vienna, March 21.—The great coal strike in Bohemia and Moravia, in which upward of 60,000 miners were involved, has collapsed, without the men having gained a single concession. The Socialists of Vienna advised the surrender, and are now accused of having sold out to the capitalists.

Favorable Weather Conditions.
Chester, Vt., March 21.—A change in the weather has made local sugar makers confident that the maple sugar harvest will not be delayed, and that sap will flow freely, ensuring a good output. The snow is settling rapidly, and the roads are being broken out to the sugar camps.

Granite State Republicans Meet.
Concord, N. H., March 21.—An anti-campaign meeting of the Republican state committee of New Hampshire was held here last night. It was voted to hold a state convention to elect delegates to the Republican national convention. In this city on April 24.

Chamberlain Bundy's Stealing.
Elmira, N. Y., March 21.—The examination of the books of Frank E. Bundy, the defaulting city chamberlain, shows a deficit of \$33,000 in one tax roll. It is expected that the total shortage will reach at least \$60,000.

Increased Distress in India.
Bombay, March 21.—The distress caused by the famine is increasing in extent and severity. Prices in Bombay have risen to the level of those of 1897, the great famine year, and are still rising.

Weather Conditions and Forecast.
The storm center has passed beyond the field of observation in the extreme northeast. Temperatures have fallen generally and decidedly. Generally fair and colder weather is indicated for New England, with fresh west to north winds.

HOPED TO ESCAPE
BY BURNING BUILDING

Boston, March 21.—Hoping for liberty, some youthful inmates of the Rainsford island house of reformation applied the torch simultaneously in two buildings last evening at 6.45 o'clock. The plan of wholesale escape miscarried, but the fire raged for more than an hour, destroyed a stable and four arch sheds, several thousand bushels of coal, two horses, wrecked the printing office and slightly damaged the chapel, which is on the second floor of the main building, south and directly beneath the printing department. The loss is estimated at about \$14,000.

An inmate named Miller, aged 15 years, who is a son of a church sexton, is suspected of having started one of the fires. Several boys allege that Miller planned the deed. He hotly denies any connection with it.

Eighty boys were seated in the chapel when the fire broke out. Walter J. Phelan, head teacher, was addressing them. Smoke burst through the ceiling from the printing office, and at the same instant a cry of fire was heard outside.

Several of the larger boys bolted for the door, knocking down every one in their path. There was much screaming and whistling. In the midst of the panic Mr. Phelan reached the door and held the boys in check. Meanwhile guards rushed up the stairway and began marching the boys down in pairs.

The island was as light as day, and hurrying here and there were inmates endeavoring to secrete themselves. To leave the island was about impossible, for the sea all about was a veritable death line.

Many of the boys were hysterical, others danced in evident glee and shouted like demons. It was a strange sight, these incorrigibles, all praying that the fire might sweep away their place of imprisonment.

After a great deal of water had been thrown on the buildings, clouds of smoke settled down, and under this cloak a number of boys hurled stones through the dormitory and other buildings of the reformatory. Many window panes were broken.

LEASES SHOULD
BE DECIDED BY BALLOT

Boston, March 21.—Twelve in favor of the Boston and Albany being leased to the New York Central road and nine against it, and eight for the Fitchburg road being leased to the Boston and Maine road and nine opposed to such action, were the results of two votes taken among members of the executive council of the Massachusetts state board of trade yesterday. These votes were the outcome of a long discussion. Then it was voted, 12 to 6, in favor of submitting the question of both leases to the voters of the state.

Relief For the Needy.
Washington, March 21.—Secretary Root has authorized General Davis, at San Juan, to give employment upon public works to surplus labor in Puerto Rico. The war department had prepared an order to carry out this plan, but it was learned that Secretary Root had telegraphed the instruction to General Davis from Havana.

Woman's Body Found in River.
Newburyport, Mass., March 21.—The body of a woman, about 50 years of age, was found in the Merrimack river. The body is supposed to have been washed down from some upper city. The woman was poorly dressed, and there was nothing upon her person that could lead to her identification.

Returned Without Requisition Papers.
New Haven, March 21.—Jesse H. Bailey, the alleged defaulting assignee of the Spaulding & Pepper company of Chicopee Falls, Mass., was yesterday taken back to his former home in custody of an officer of that city. Bailey decided to go to Springfield without requisition papers.

Revolution in Full Swing.
Kingston, Jamaica, March 21.—The British cruiser Alert has arrived here from Colombian ports. She reports the revolution there is in full swing, and that British subjects are in need of protection. The Alert is coaling hastily and will return to Colombia.

Thousands of Plague Victims.
Calcutta, March 21.—The bubonic plague is fast increasing in Bengal, 4725 deaths having occurred last week. These include 744 in Calcutta and 2044 in Putha.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The town of Wilmore, Pa., suffered a loss of \$25,000 by fire. The blaze evidently was of incendiary origin, as many robberies were committed during the progress of the flames.

Lester Small was arraigned at Rookland, Me., and pleaded guilty to three indictments for breaking and entering and larceny. He has not yet been sentenced.

At a meeting of the corporation of Brown university it was voted to accept the fund of \$45,000 left by the late Augustus Van Winkle for the erection of an administration building and gate, and it was also decided to appoint Miss Annie Crosby Emery dean of Pembroke hall.

Fire destroyed two large blocks at Red Lodge, Mont., entailing a loss of \$150,000. One man was burned to death.

The Flint (Mich.) wagon works were destroyed by fire. Loss over \$200,000. Duncan B. MacDonald has been inaugurated as professor of Semitic languages in Hartford theological seminary.

Reassuring.
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PORTO RICO FREE TRADE

May Prevail in Final Disposition of Bill. House Clause Restored in Appropriation Bill

Washington, March 21.—Before the cabinet meeting yesterday, Senators Foraker, Allison, Spooner, Kean and Foster called at the White House and were closeted for some time with the president. They were anxious to know his position on the subject of Puerto Rico. The impression that they evidently went away with was that he wished it well out of the way, and the party reunited, and as the smaller body can hardly hope to absorb the greater, it seems reasonable to suppose that the free trade element will be the one to prevail.

Great uncertainty prevails in the senate as to the final outcome of the Puerto Rican tariff muddle. The friends of the house bill have completed a canvass which they assert shows a clear majority on their side when the vote is reached. This is improbable. The present delay, which is claimed to be due to the desire of the house bill advocates to "whip a few doubtful senators into line," is more likely to be the result of a discovery that it is the other side which has the majority.

The conferees on the Puerto Rican appropriation bill have agreed upon a compromise measure. The senate conferees receded from the senate amendment, limiting the appropriation to the revenues collected on Puerto Rican importations until Jan. 1, and restored the clause in the house bill, applying to future revenues, readings as follows:

"Together with any further customs revenues collected on importations from Puerto Rico since Jan. 1, 1900, or that shall hereafter be collected under existing law."

The provision in the senate amendment specifying the purpose for which the money shall be used is retained, but an addition is made declaring specifically that it shall be for the "aid and relief" of the Puerto Ricans. The bill as agreed upon reads as follows:

"That the sum of \$2,995,455, being the amount of customs revenue received on importations by the United States from Puerto Rico by the Spanish forces on the 18th day of October, 1898, to the 1st of January, 1900, together with any further customs revenues collected on importations from Puerto Rico since the 1st of January, 1900, or that shall hereafter be collected under existing law, shall be placed at the disposal of the president, to be used for the government now existing and which may hereafter be established in Puerto Rico and for the aid and relief of the people thereof and for public education, public works and other governmental and public purposes therein until otherwise provided by law; and the revenues herein referred to, already collected and to be collected under existing law, are hereby appropriated for the purposes herein specified, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated."

Discussion of the Puerto Rican government and tariff bill was resumed in the senate yesterday, Mr. Morgan of Alabama presenting a speech dealing with some of the constitutional phases of the measure. He maintained that, as the treaty of Paris was the supreme law of the land, it was impossible for the United States to abandon either Puerto Rico or the Philippines. He held, also, that the constitution extended to a certain extent, at least, over the acquired territory, and that the inhabitants of Puerto Rico were citizens of the United States.

The house entered upon the consideration of the Loud bill to restrict the character of publications entitled to the 1-cent-per-pound rate as second class matter. The bill has been before congress for several years. Mr. Loud defended the bill in a lengthy speech.

Before the bill was taken up, Mr. Sulzer delivered a denunciation of the administration in connection with his resolution of inquiry, calling upon the war department for information as to what fortifications Great Britain was erecting on the Canadian borders.

The committee on military affairs submitted a reply to Adjutant General Corbin, saying such information was secret, but that Great Britain was erecting no works which threatened our rights.

Mr. Sulzer charged that the administration did nothing without the consent of Downing street; that the recent action of Secretary Hay was taken upon the request of Lord Salisbury, and defeated a concert of the European powers to intervene in South Africa, and charging generally that the English were erecting fortifications along the Canadian border that menaced the peace and welfare of this country.

The committee's motion to lay the resolution on the table was carried—94 to 82. Thereupon Mr. Sulzer demanded the yeas and nays, which were ordered. The resolution was laid on the table, 110 to 97.

Crew of Wrecked Ship Saved.
San Francisco, March 21.—Captain Stone and 26 men of the wrecked British ship City of Florence, which struck on a reef 10 miles south of Point Pedro on Monday night, were picked up by the tug Alert two miles north of Point Pedro late yesterday afternoon and brought to this city.

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London, March 21.—The Shanghai correspondent of The Times says: The North China Daily News publishes a dispatch from a correspondent in the province of Shan Tung, who says that, while the Chinese government has not taken active measures to suppress the anti-foreign movement, Governor Yuan has warned the missionaries that the local authorities cannot be held responsible for the safety of those traveling unescorted into the interior. The position of the native Christians is deplorable, and if the anti-foreign movement continues ignored and unchecked serious consequences are inevitable.

Women Sue For Foreclosure.
Chicago, March 21.—Suits to foreclose a trust deed for \$400,000 was begun yesterday in the superior court by Julia E. Brooker, Lillian C. Farrell, Adele F. Bryant and Lillian Farrell, all of Ansonia, Conn., who represent themselves to be the holders of a majority of the bonds issued July 1, 1896, by the Young & Farrell Diamond Stone Sawing company for \$400,000. It is charged that the Young & Farrell company has defaulted on numerous payments and the appointment of a receiver is asked for.

Mother and Babe in Cell.
New York, March 21.—Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Bismar, said to be well known socially in Baltimore, arrived here yesterday from a European trip. Mrs. Bismar was immediately arrested on the charge of obtaining under false pretenses, a sealskin sack and muff, valued at \$350, from Seigmund & Son of Baltimore. Mrs. Bismar was locked up in a cell at a police station, together with her 2-months-old babe, from whom she refused to separate.

Pennamund Dead Not Accepted.
Augusta, Me., March 21.—The deed of historical grounds at Pennamund was returned to the Pennamund Historical society at the meeting of the governor and council yesterday. The ground was offered by the society to be accepted according to the terms of a special act of the last legislature. This provided that the deed might be accepted if approved by the attorney general. As the deed had not been so approved it was not accepted.

Would Submit It to the People.
Indianapolis, March 21.—General Lew Wallace has written an open letter charging that the administration is attempting to make colonies of Puerto Rico and the Philippines to be governed by the president as a colonial empire. General Wallace proposes a constitutional amendment forbidding jurisdiction or sovereignty over any island, territory or country, now foreign, except with the consent of the people of the United States.

Expansion Policy Endorsed.
Philadelphia, March 21.—The Philadelphia conference of the Methodist Episcopal church adopted a paper in support of the expansion policy of the present administration. The paper is in the form of a call for volunteers to go to the Philippines for evangelic work. In presenting it, Rev. T. B. Neely stated that nothing more providential had occurred in recent years than the acquisition by this country of the Philippines.

Colonel Batchelder Dead.
Penobscot, Mass., March 21.—Colonel Cyrus T. Batchelder died last night, aged 75. He was a former commander of post 59, G. A. R. He served in the legislature of 1886-87. He enlisted at Lawrence in 1862. He secured his title as colonel in the New Hampshire militia before his participation in the Civil war. He is survived by a widow, one son and two daughters, and his mother, who is 105 years of age.

A Boston Chicken.
"Hello!" exclaimed the chicken as he saw the eggshell from which he had just emerged. "There's my cast off ova-cont."—Boston Transcript.

An Abolitionist's Headache.
Turnbull—I'm so sorry. I hear you've been suffering all day with a sick headache.

Grumbell—It's a mistake.

Turnbull—Have't you really had the headache?

Grumbell—Yes, but it isn't sick by any means. It's extremely vigorous.

Philadelphia Press.

Honest About It.
Gotham—I suppose all of those portraits were handed down to you by your ancestors?

Wabash—Ancestors nothing! They were handed down to me by the auctioneer.—Yonkers Statesman.

As Usual.
"Did you suffer much from the fire?"

"No. You see, the fire was in my place. The fellows on each side of me who received the water sustained the most damage."—Philadelphia North American.

A Hasty Generalization.
"Everybody seems to be leaving town."

"Everybody?"

"Well, I'm going away, and so is Tom Jibbs."—Chicago Record.

THE WEEK'S NEWS.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14.
News of Lord Roberts' entering Bloemfontein is now expected at any hour; General French occupied two hills commanding the town, and 2½ miles south of it; he met opposition, and was apparently unable to capture the railway station, which it was important to take on account of the rolling stock to be found there.—Alexander Devine, a farmer, murdered in his barn in Westford, Vt.—Secret marriage of the daughter of John J. Daly, one of Utah's silver kings.—Burial of Hon. Edward J. Phelps at Burlington, Vt.—Two more bodies found in the ruins of the Newark tenement destroyed by fire.—Wall street believes that a war is being waged between William C. Whitney and James R. Keene.—Conspiracy to establish a monarchy discovered in Brazil.—Peaceful plan adopted by contesting factions. Death of Charles H. Coster, a prominent New York financier.—Federal judge in Montana decides against labor unions in the Chinese boycott case.—Federal judge in New York denies application to have Harpers adjudged bankrupt.—Rhode Island Republicans hold the largest state convention ever held; William Gregory named for governor.—Fall River cotton manufacturers object to the minimum scale proposed by the Textile Council and ask for a further conference.—Cubans complain that they have no chance to get the ear of Secretary Root.—France is said to be willing to extend time on the treaty if this country wishes.—Serious condition in the southern islands of the Philippine group; people near starvation as to Pacific cable; committee minority report has more significant minority than that of the majority.—Snowslides doing serious damage in British Columbia.

THURSDAY, MARCH 15.
Roberts takes Bloemfontein: British flag floats over Free State capital; Boers retired, and invading army entered the city unopposed.—Alleged murderer of Alexander Devine of Westford, Vt., arrested.—Congressman Boutelle of Maine will be re-nominated.—Armour packing interests to be incorporated with a capital of \$20,000,000.—Governor Taylor is supposed to have left Frankfort secretly and in haste.—Norwegian in Washington murders his wife and little girl.—Mrs. Lucinda M. Stone, the well-known writer and educator, dead.—New York will not sign the agreement reducing the baseball circuit until given some players.—Dr. Schell sees Rev. Charles Parkhurst and others for conspiracy.—Glucose sugar companies and two starch companies to combine.—Clinton, Mass., celebrates her 50th anniversary as a town.—Two little boys drowned in a lake quarry in a Boston suburb.—Rev. P. F. Jernegan has not returned to this country.—Status of acquired territory discussed in the national senate; Philippine question before the house.—No present prospect of a vote on the Quay case.—James S. Gill of Boston killed by a fall.—Armstrong steel works at Flint, Mich., burned; loss, \$150,000.—Great improvements in agricultural conditions in the United States shown by reports of the past year.—The president signs the financial bill.—Disagreement in Cuba relative to the tax on sugar and tobacco.—House committee favors bill appropriating \$4,000,000 for modern guns.—Great Britain increases China fleet; that of the United States to be revised.—Secretary Root tells Cubans that United States will fulfill all obligations.—General government said to be against prohibition of importation of foreign meat.—Empress dowager offers large sum for capture of Chinese reformers, dead or alive.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16.
Gatun crosses the Orange river and takes Bethulie.—Francis Truth, "divine healer," arrested at Boston for alleged fraudulent use of mails; did business of \$30,000 a week.—Big cigar makers' strike threatened in New York city.—Great Britain refuses to accept the intervention of any other power in the settlement of South African affairs.—Milford, Mass., high school burned to the ground; fire of incendiary origin.—Eighteen-story hotel for New York to be built by Boston capital.—Two persons seriously injured by jumping from burning building at Boston.—New Haven club assured of the championship in the National Roller Polo league.—National Baseball league will maintain its present circuit regardless of anything New York may do.—Terry McGovern whips Eddie Lenny in two rounds at Philadelphia.—Tom Sharkey knocks out "Texas Jim" McCormick in 35 seconds at Hartford.—A. G. Keane of New York wins the figure skating championship.—Monument to the heroes of the Maine buried at Key West unveiled.—New York to have a bank with a capital of \$16,000,000.—Four blocks and town hall burned in Hopkinton, Mass.—Eight new warships to be authorized in the forthcoming naval bill.—Applications for one committee on the Pacific cable bill.—A general board to be appointed by Secretary Long to consider war campaign plans.—Unavailing attempt to float the steamer California.—Ex-Police Captain Joseph H. Bates shoots himself at Boston.—Colonel Pratt of the First regiment, heavy artillery, M. V. M., has resigned.—Eminent medical men testify that vivisection is performed in Massachusetts in a painless manner.—Augustus R. Wright, a prominent coal merchant of Portland, Me., died suddenly at Boston.—Suits brought against Newton, Brookline and Waltham for taking water from the Charles river.—Carmelo Brigandini pleads guilty to an indictment charging manslaughter, in causing the death of Edward Graham at Boston on Jan. 5.—Fight against vice in New York to be pushed vigorously.—Death of Miss Catherine W. Bruce, who has given large sums for astronomical work.—Secretary Root says there is no need for law reform in Cuba.—Troops reported in danger at Gabat, south Luzon, found unhurt.—House urges senate to pass Payne bill without amendment, fearing a tariff section would be killed.—Fear that the attitude of the empress dowager may upset the open-door policy.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17.
Not only has the Free State opposition broken down, but from Lorenzo Marques comes a statement, apparently on good authority, that recent arrivals from the Free State are disappointed in the belief that their cause is now hopeless.—Francis Truth, "divine healer," held in \$5000 bail at Boston, charged with fraudulent use of the mails.—Joseph A. Sheehan acquitted at Boston of manslaughter charge.—Attorney General Smith of Nebraska has begun suits against three railroad companies for damages aggregating \$670,000.—Chamberlain Bundy of Elmira, N. Y., \$20,000 short in his accounts.—House naval affairs committee authorizes an "emergency" price for large quantities of armor plate.—Admiral Watson ordered to send one of his warships to China.—Dave Sullivan defeats

SUNDAY, MARCH 18.
Boers hold positions in the Blegars-berry range, which are said to have been rendered impregnable.—Bishop Potter returns from his visit to the Philippines.—Lola Fuller, the actress, pluckily resists two burglars in Paris.—Judge Wanhoop Lynn says the Irish should wear crapes and keep within doors on the occasion of the queen's visit to Oregon and New Orleans at Nagasaki, ready to proceed to Tientsin to protect missionaries from reign of anarchy; hurry among state, war and navy departments at Washington.—Four more roads centering in Worcester, Mass., acquired by a syndicate.—Ten thousand Irishmen parade on St. Patrick's day in New York.—Governor Leary of Guam issues a proclamation abolishing and prohibiting forever slavery and peonage in that island.—Rev. Mr. Sheldon's experiment causes dispute among the owners of the Topeka Capital as to future conduct of that paper.—Sixty starving women tramped 20 miles to San Juan, P. R., to beg relief of Governor General Davis, but the city treasury was empty; merchants to demand some kind of tariff without further delay.—Maud S., the famous trotter, is dead.—Frank Allen, claiming a home in Cambridge, Mass., sentenced at Providence to 18 years' imprisonment for burglary.—Siberians say Americans have started out upon a commercial and industrial conquest of Siberia.—Possibility of New York grand jury indicting several police officials.

MONDAY, MARCH 19.
Making garrison still holding out on March 10, though on quarter rations; talk of arming the blacks; relief column had a brush at Fourteen Streams; more Free Staters surrender.—General tie-up of machine shops threatened; conference of the National Metal Trades association, and the International Association of Machinists resulted practically in a declaration of war.—Boston society hauled over the coals at a Watch and Ward society meeting; police said to be protecting vice.—Sergeant Golden, a member of Kentucky militia, reported to have turned state's evidence against alleged assassins of Goebel.—House naval program to include recommendations for two 13,500-ton battleships, three 13,500-ton armored cruisers, three 8000-ton protected cruisers; total appropriation \$20,000,000, being \$18,000,000 larger than record of 1898; also recommendation of Krupp armor at \$45 a ton.—Music Hall block at Quincy, Mass., gutted by fire; loss, \$38,000.—Only one naval officer in Washington contributes to Schley home fund.—Parker C. Chandler explains project for an inland canal from Boston to Fall River, entailing only 19 miles of cutting, and which would be 150 miles less than the outside Cape Cod sailing course to New York.—Italian Baptist minister narrowly escapes personal violence at hands of fellow countrymen at Springfield, Mass.—Considerable Manila the most troublesome center; rebels reorganizing in many provinces.—Friend of ex-President Harrison announces that the general would not accept a nomination if it came without a struggle and his election could be assured beyond a doubt.—Professor Melville M. Bigelow to edit the Massachusetts province laws.—Death of General Lockhart, British commander-in-chief in India.—Nine persons injured in an accident on the Ninth avenue elevated railroad in New York.—Another possible case of smallpox at Yale.—Russia demands exclusive railroad rights in Asia Minor; Turkey proposes compromise, which Russia refuses; hints at St. Petersburg of pressure through talk of Bulgarian independence.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20.
Reported relief of Matkovich not confirmed; fighting expected in Natal.—Bryan sounds keynote of Democratic campaign; declares for free coinage of silver and against trusts and imperialism.—Central American countries oppose Davis amendment to Hay-Pauncefote treaty.—The Standard Oil company shut out of Texas by a supreme court decision.—Mrs. Emyle Hyde Grinnell of Colchester, Vt., died at age of 103 years, 8 months and 12 days.—Professor Arthur McGiffert withdraws from the Presbyterian church.—Ascendency of anti-foreign party in China becoming more pronounced.—British steamer Verona sunk by collision at sea; two of crew drowned.—Fast mail train wrecked near Ozark, Ala., and several persons injured.—Uxbridge, Mass., without water because of a leak in the reservoir.—Dr. Pfeiffer of North Adams, Mass., now on the third week of his fast.—President McKinley inclined to accept invitation to visit Boston for National Manufacturers' association banquet, April 28.—Reports of rich finds at Cape Nome excite miners in the Klondike.—T. H. Bressan, morocco manufacturer, Lynn, Mass., assigns liabilities, \$50,000.—Dr. Parkhurst considers that Governor Roosevelt does not support the vice crusade in New York.

A federal judge rules that the Detroit city council cannot compel street railway to reduce fares.—Chicago Typographical union thrown out of the Federation of Labor, and will appeal to the national body.—Experiments being made with a shell filled with gas, to be used as a substitute for gaslight.

LIVELY GAME OF POKER

Superb Bluff Put Up by Joseph Leiter.

WON \$80,000 ON A PAIR OF SEVENS.

Famous Wheat Deal Manipulator Net \$300,000 and Evened Up an Old Score With John W. Gates—Contest Was of Long Duration and Millions Changed Hands.

Two events, fortified by a bet of \$30,000, such a display of nerve as was almost successful in carrying to fruition the greatest wheat deal of modern years, said the New York Herald recently, won for Joseph Leiter a jack pot containing about \$80,000 and turned the tide of fortune his way, with the result that the young Chicago plunger pulled himself out of a bad hole and evened up an old score with his bosom friend, John W. Gates, president of the American Steel and Wire company.

That incident in which two sevens figured so conspicuously was only one of many that occurred in what was probably the most sensational poker game ever played east or west. At one time Mr. Leiter was a heavy loser, and at the conclusion he had a very small balance, if anything, on the good side of his gambling ledger, but he had all the emotions of a winner. L. L. Smith, also of Chicago, profited most from the game, adding, it is said, \$250,000 to his reserve by the time the last hand had been played.

Unlike many famous poker games, this one was played for cash. "I O U's" were seldom seen on the table,



JOSEPH LEITER.

and when used were only temporary accommodations. The players were all mutual friends, and yet every hand was played for "blood." No favors were asked or given.

Away back in June, 1898, when the American fleet was blockading Santiago harbor, and an American army was fighting its way through Spanish trenches, Joseph Leiter was engaged in the manipulation of wheat, and the world, when not figuring on the result of the military operations in Cuba, was wondering how much profit the young millionaire would be satisfied with. Suddenly the Chicago wheat pit was startled by the appearance of heavy selling orders which did not emanate from Leiter. There were a few days of hesitation, and then a crash which tore a terrible hole in the Leiter millions. John W. Gates was responsible for that crash.

One of the men closest to Joseph Leiter was the late John A. Logan, Jr., who had been drawn into the wheat deal and who at one time had a profit of \$200,000. Logan carried his deal a trifle too far and became involved. Naturally he turned to his friend Leiter for assistance. Just as naturally Leiter, who was much shorter of funds than any one knew, turned to his old friend John W. Gates for a temporary loan. Leiter made out his check for \$100,000, which he gave to Mr. Gates, at the same time requesting that it be held for a few days.

John W. Gates had not lived 55 years, much of the time in Chicago, for nothing. He knew that Joseph Leiter would not request him to hold his check unless there was good reason for it. He also knew that a man carrying such a load of wheat as Mr. Leiter had shouldered had need of a large amount of ready money. The algebraic equation was easy. Moreover, Mr. Gates knew that he was amply protected in regard to the check, as the father of Joseph would never see the name of Leiter protested. That day there was a conference down in LaSalle street. Gates took his check to P. A. Armour, who looked at it and smiled until wrinkles formed double bridges between his eyes and his mouth. Gates and Armour united in throwing selling orders into the wheat pit until the Leiter deal was crushed and the greatest bull movement of the decade brought to a halt.

Joseph Leiter was dazed for a time, but as he recovered himself he looked about to discover whence came the blow that had worked upon him so great a disaster. Seeing Mr. Armour and Mr. Gates standing together, he realized how he had been betrayed. He took his defeat in good humor, betrayed no ill feeling toward his friend, Mr. Gates, but took an oath that if they both lived he would make the president of the steel trust wish he had never heard of wheat.

Since 1898 Joseph Leiter has sought rather than evaded the company of Mr. Gates. Both men are fond of poker and during the last two years have often met across a table covered with green baize. Mr. Gates has more than once lost heavily, and it has generally been Mr. Leiter's fortune to get the money. Several times there have been stories to the effect that Mr. Gates had lost as high as \$40,000 at a sitting, while at least once he quit the game with \$50,000 of his companion's coin jangling in his trousers pocket.

In this manner things ran along until nearly a month ago, when Mr. Gates and Mr. Leiter and some others met in a private car on a trip from Chicago to New York. Hardly had the smoky atmosphere of the city by the lake been left behind than cards and chips were produced, and one of the heaviest games of poker was under way that has ever been known. The details of that game have not been made public. All that can be said about it is that it was 1,000 miles long, lasting until the

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Grand Central station was reached, and that it cost Mr. Leiter upward of \$200,000.

However, that was only an "eye opener" for the higher play that was to follow. For months millionaires from Chicago have set so hot a pace in the metropolis that few can be found able or willing to follow them. It was that spirit which has made the wise men in Wall street shake their heads in anticipation of future trouble, which resulted in the resumption of the game which was begun on the cars.

Following a good dinner at one of the finest hotels in New York, the proposition was made that the evening be spent at cards. The game was quickly made, there being at the table John W. Gates, Joseph Leiter, L. L. Smith, John A. Drake, one other man from Chicago and a young New Yorker. The two last mentioned were content to "pike" along, watching the pyrotechnic evolutions of the others. Mr. Drake, too, played a comparatively conservative game. The result was that these three won nicely, without taking any of the chances indulged in by the three high fliers.

At first bad luck seemed to pursue Leiter, though he won an occasional pot, which kept him from falling hopelessly behind. It was about midnight when the play first referred to occurred. There was an inclination to quit on the part of one or two of the players when the proposition was made and accepted that a jack pot should be formed with \$1,000 "anted" by each. That started things off with \$6,000 in the center, and it is said that the deal passed twice without "openers" being out. Each deal each of the players "sweetened" with a check valued at \$100. When the pot was finally "broken," there was \$7,200 in sight. Mr. Gates, being first to speak, guessed his hand was worth \$5,000, and after Mr. Drake had dropped out Mr. Smith guessed his cards were also worth \$5,000.

Young Mr. Leiter was seen to be nervously fingering the hand that had been dealt to him. He showed symptoms of having finally received a smile from Dame Fortune. He offered the opinion that his friends could each have another guess. Then he pushed \$15,000 to the center. Mr. Gates was thoughtful. He didn't like the looks of his young antagonist, neither did he like to lay down the three fours with which he had opened. Finally he called.

Mr. Smith followed with that promptness which always marks his poker playing. When the call for cards was given, the three men had \$32,200 for which to struggle. The opener called for one card, holding a ten spot to his three fours. Mr. Smith also drew one card, while Leiter said that he saw no chance of helping the hand which he held by drawing to it. Mr. Gates and Mr. Smith looked unhappy. Before glancing at the card which he had drawn Mr. Gates threw a \$100 check to the center. Mr. Smith glanced at his draw and placed his hand in the deck, indicating that he had been trying to help a short flush or a four straight.

Leiter looked across at his old friend and, remembering the wheat deal and Mr. Armour, remarked: "John, when a man has reached your age he should quit his bad habits. There is only one way to break a man of playing poker, and that is to make it too expensive for him. It will cost you just \$30,000 to see my cards."

With that, the young man who had once made a wheat pit look like an Asterlitz pushed enough money to the center to make his words good. His opponent then looked at the card he had drawn. It was a nine. Still he was not satisfied that he was beaten. He had known Leiter to "bluff" before, and it took him quite five minutes to make up his mind to "lay down." Drawing a long sigh, he finally said: "Joe, I guess you have 'em. I'll

quit." As required, Mr. Gates, being the opener, showed his hand. Then Leiter could not restrain the impulse to chuckle. He showed down two sevens, an ace, tray and king. It had been a superb bluff, successfully carried out. From that moment the game went Leiter's way. It continued with enforced intermissions for five days and five nights. During that time millions of dollars changed hands, being shuffled back and forth across the table. The play was finally broken a few weeks ago, when Mr. Gates and Mr. Drake were compelled to go to Chicago.

When a final reckoning was made, Joseph Leiter had recovered about all that he had lost on the train on the way east. Perhaps he had a trifling balance to his credit. Mr. Smith, who had played in uniformly good luck, was \$190,000 winner. Mr. Drake and the two unnamed players aggregated winnings of about \$80,000.

Bang Went the Bean Pot.

In preparing dinner the other day Mrs. Stewart Heberling of Scotia, near Bellefonte, Pa., boiled some beans in an airtight vessel. There was a terrific explosion. The pot was blown into fragments and the beans sent flying all about the room. Mrs. Heberling, who, with her little girl, was standing alongside the stove, was terribly burned and scalded, and her face was cut. Says the Philadelphia Record: Her condition is considered very precarious. The child was also hurt.

THE MAN WITH THE GAVEL.

How would Hon. Richard P. Leary of Guam do for a vice presidential candidate?—Washington Post.

The office of vice president of the United States is one of great dignity and importance. To preside over the American senate is itself a work of great responsibility and honor.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The man selected for the second place on a national ticket should be the equal of the man at the head, if, under the prevailing circumstances, it is possible to find two men of equal availability.—Exchange.

General Fred Grant tells an interviewer in the Philippines that he is not a candidate for a vice presidential nomination and is doing nothing to secure it, but that he should like such a nomination, "just as any other man naturally would."—Philadelphia Ledger.

TOWN TOPICS.

Omaha's auditorium is all ready save for inclosing it and putting on the roof.—Omaha World-Herald.

Chicago is having more trouble with her river than Buller had with the Tugela.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

The National Editorial association has decided to meet at Buffalo next year. It is only fair to add that Buffalo decided some time in advance that they should meet there.—Albany Argus.

The local Kansas City newspapers indignantly deny the stories about extortionate hotel charges, but the enterprising Kansas City merchants are not advertising convention accommodations as bargain features.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

BITS OF SCIENCE.

Dr. Much of Berlin has made a new alloy of magnesium and aluminum, producing a compound like brass, white as silver and can be turned and bored.

The weight of all the air on the globe would be eleven and two-thirds trillion pounds if no deductions had to be made for space filled by mountains and land above sea level.

Bleating with liquid air at Vienna has led to the conclusion that to be effective the liquid should be used within 15 minutes after preparation. As tried after 72 hours, when half of it had been evaporated, it had no destructive effect.

Some English genealogists pretend that there is a family line of union counting Queen Victoria with Alfred the Great.

MATRON AND MAID.

Mrs. Minnie Mattern Fiske has joined the antivivisection society in New York.

The widow of Benjamin Wood and her sister and daughter have assumed entire control of the New York Daily News and will hereafter edit and publish it.

Mrs. Frances M. Wolcott has secured an absolute divorce from Senator Edward O. Wolcott on the ground of desertion. No evidence was introduced for the defense.

Mrs. A. L. Vrooman Wood of Minneapolis has been appointed judge of the decorated china to be exhibited at the Paris exposition by the National League of Mineral Painters. The selection of Mrs. Wood was made by Commissioner General Peck.

Miss Eva Hooper of London is now on her way to Australia, where she is to organize the kindergarten work in the public schools of Victoria and to give kindergarten training. Miss Hooper recently spent about a year in this country studying the schools.

Mrs. Humphry Ward suggests the establishment in every town of Great Britain of an organization to study Christian dogma and Christian history with the aid of such books as Harcourt's "History of Dogma" and Schurer's "The Jewish People in the Time of Christ."

Mrs. Alexander Capperton, who died in Kirkhill, Scotland, the other day, was one of the few links connecting the present with the time of Sir Walter Scott. She entered his service when 16 and was with him when he died and received a lock of his hair from Mrs. Lockhart.

A woman has been appointed assignee of the savings bank at Hinsdale, N. H., by the supreme court. She is Miss Cora A. Wellman, who has occupied the position of treasurer of the institution, having succeeded her father. She was recommended for appointment by the incorporators of the bank.

The Duchesse d'Orleans, who is now making a cruise in the Mediterranean on her fine yacht Maroussia, is a very clever draftsman, and a daily amusement of hers is the designing and execution of dainty little menu cards for the day's use. She never fails to produce these cards, whether at home or on the sea.

A new aspirant for legal honors is Mrs. Catherine W. Waite, a western woman, 71 years old, who will soon go to Denver and establish a law office there, with her husband as a partner. Mrs. Waite is the owner of large tracts of land, many horses and a block of real estate in Chicago. Her husband was at one time a judge in Idaho.

Lady Dunderdon, whose husband, the earl, has been distinguishing himself with Buller in Natal, got into a quarrel with the town authorities of Abergele, Wales, recently over land needed to widen a road passing through the chief attraction of the place, an avenue of old sycamores owned by her land. On the town council threatening to acquire the land needed by condemnation the countess had all the old trees cut down.

THE DOMINIE.

It is announced in Boston that Bishop Lawrence of Massachusetts is to give a new dormitory to Harvard.

Bishop Charles Edward Cheney of Christ Reformed Episcopal church of Chicago recently celebrated the fortieth anniversary of his pastorate.

The Rev. Dr. Edward P. Goodwin, for 33 years pastor of the First Congregational church of Chicago, has resigned on account of advancing age and ill health. Dr. Goodwin is the dean of the clergy of Chicago for continuous service with one church.

The Rev. Henry J. Callis, the pastor of the African Zion church of Syracuse, was born a slave. He is a Hampton graduate, has studied law, once declined a nomination for member of the Virginia legislature and since his entrance to the ministry has stamped the Pacific coast as a McKinley campaign orator.

A black-bishop of the Anglican church was recently consecrated at Lambeth. The Right Rev. James Johnson, assistant bishop of western equatorial Africa, is a Sierra Leone negro whose parents were rescued slaves from the Yoruba country. His station will be Benin. Durham university has made him an honorary A. M.

FINE PIECES OF CORAL.

Splendid Collection Added to Georgetown College.

SENT FROM MANILA BY JESUITS.

Philippine Riches Displayed by Specimens of Minerals and Precious Stones—Presented to Coleman Museum—Another Similar Collection Sent to the National Museum.

A new revelation of the wondrous beauties of the Philippine Islands is the collection of corals, jewels, minerals and shells which has just been added to the museum of Georgetown college and was placed on exhibition the other day, says the Washington Post. The Coleman museum, which is situated on the second floor of the main building, is at present overcrowded, hence the northwest drawing room has been converted into a receptacle for this overflow collection. A like collection, presented by the Jesuits to the government, is now being prepared to be transferred to the government. It is in the course of cataloguing, according to scientific methods, and will be placed in the National museum, where it will be open to the public at an early date.

The corals are some of the rarest specimens ever shown in the United States. Perhaps the most beautiful piece and one which is peculiar to the Philippine Islands is a variety known as the imperialis. It is as white as snow and resembles tiny feathers. So fine is the substance of this stone that at first sight it is difficult to believe that its texture is not soft and downy. Like many others in the collection, this stone comes from Mindanao, which the Jesuit fathers say is one of the richest localities in the islands and, in fact, in the world, for here are found not only precious stones and minerals, but some of the finest pearls in the world.

Another exquisite coral is of dove colored gray, with here and there little rifts of a soft olive green. A still more beautiful piece is a large cluster of white and pale salmon pink. This, like the pure white, has a feathery appearance and is crested with tiny star shaped flowers which glisten like gems. A unique variety is that which resembles bunches of many tiny cornucopias and which is true to nature not only in color, but each particle of the husk is plainly visible. The dark brown and white is perhaps the largest specimen in the United States, as also is the mouse colored gray. One specimen bears a startling resemblance to a large hornet's nest. Attached to it is a large petrified sponge. Clinging to the sides of this nest are many little flower shaped petals.

Especially interesting is a petrified miniature tree, gnarled and knotted, proof of its age. This fossil is not more than three feet in height, including the rock on which it originally grew. The daintiest and perhaps the rarest coral in the collection is of white, tipped with pale pink and blue. These colored points stand out from the base, which is pure white.

Aspergillum, known as Venus' flower basket, is the most superb of all these treasures. It is appropriately named, and one might well imagine the goddess of beauty bearing her sea flowers in this dainty basket. The fibers are so delicately interwoven as to resemble the finest lace. Few of these specimens are in existence, and they are to be found only on the coast of Cebu. Their shipment to America required the greatest care, so fragile is this little gem.

The museum has also a collection of minerals from the Philippine archipelago, many of which bear witness to the great wealth to be found in the islands. It includes almost every variety of minerals. The opals from the Philippines are especially beautiful, reflecting all the rainbow hues peculiar to the best varieties of this gem.

In another case in the room are exhibited a large number of extraordinary and valuable shells. These represent all colors from jet black to every shade of rose and from violet to purest white. The multiplicity of these beautiful shells would seem to open a new industry in the far east. Much of the expensive pearl mosaic work which is sought after so in Venice and Vienna is made from the material furnished by these shells. One of the largest flat surfaced shells resembles the mother of pearl, excepting that it is finer and more opalescent. The largest shell in the case is about two feet long and is perfect in detail from tip to tip and is in the shape of a hunting horn. It is of a highly polished surface. At the larger end it is of a rich rose color, shading in its spirals to delicate pink, pale lavender and deep violet at the pointed end. It has no crusted surface, being entirely transparent. This is perhaps one of the rarest shells in existence. There are also many gnarled, pointed, crooked and thorny shells in the group, which, with the minerals, completes one of the most perfect collections of the kind in the United States.

Corn Growing in Egypt. Farmers in Egypt have purchased in Philadelphia 120,000 bushels of seed corn, which they propose to plant in the fertile valleys along the river Nile, says the Baltimore News. The cargo, which is to be delivered at Alexandria, will be taken from Philadelphia on the British steamship Rubinstein. It is claimed by expert agriculturists that the rich Nile valleys, which have been uncultivated for centuries, will grow as good corn as anywhere in the world.

He Does Not Like the Mixture. Kruger is an inveterate smoker, but the pipe of peace doesn't seem to tempt him.—Boston Journal.

Boers Must Out Out Victory. A troop of Boer horsemen who perform nightly in a German circus, says the Pittsburg Dispatch, have been forbidden that part of their programme, which represents a victory over British redcoats.

Monetary. Perhaps the new shilling to the pound income tax in Great Britain is intended as a sort of a compliment to Bobs, says the Boston Herald. A shilling is a bob in English slang, don't you know?

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Good Cookery

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NURSERY COOKERY.

THE ANEMIC AND NERVOUS CHILD.

(Continued from last week.)

By Christine Terhune Herriek.

Of all the ills to which a child falls a victim—and there are so many physical pitfalls for the little feet that one marvels they do not stumble oftener—a long wearing debility is the most trying to the mother. Sharp, sudden attacks have their own terrors, but in them at least there is something to do. The very immensity of the debility stimulates the mother to make a force fight. Slow and the disease seem to her to be battling against each other for the dear little life and she counts all the anguish as nothing if she but wars through with her darling, still in her arms.

The mother of all maternal agonies that can be known is the mother of a living and healthy child who comes when one of them is the prey of a slow, wasting disease, one of a long and discouraging convalescence that seems to make no upward move. The heart strings are aching by the sight of the listless face, the languid limbs. The mother's brain is taxed with strenuous efforts to think of some new food or combination of foods that may tempt the appetite—or overcome the want of appetite—of the little sufferer, whose only hope of recovery lies in wise nutrition. The body, often the weakest part of the mother—is worn out with her endeavors to prepare this food, to accomplish that result that will amuse or benefit the wee invalid.

Certain diseases of children are less dangerous in their active period than in their sequelae. The worst risks of an ordinary case of measles or of scarlet fever do not show themselves when the disorder is at its height, but when desquamation has set in and even a trifling neglect may mean impaired sight or hearing or kidney trouble. The saddest effects of cerebro-spinal meningitis come, if the child have the stamina to pull through at all, when the terrible disease has run its course, not while the child has convulsed in its cruel hold. Lung trouble, whooping cough, asthma, intestinal disturbances, are all to be dreaded for the condition in which they may leave their victim quite as much as for the immediate peril to which they subject him. In many cases even the fondest and most watchful care can not avert after weakness. All it can do, if the child continues to droop and is nervous and anemic, is to aid nature to reinvigorate the weakened forces and slowly and patiently to restore the invalid to a normal condition of health and spirits. There should be no such word as fall in the mother's lexicon. Great are the recuperative powers of a young child, and there are marvelous instances where tender vigilance and wise nutrition have brought a little one back from the very gates of the grave.

A condition of anemia and debility requires particular dietetic treatment. The food must be nutritious and it must be easily digested. The watery condition of the blood peculiar to anemia has an unfortunate effect upon the digestion, which is unable to show its normal vigor in disposing of food. The common rule in nourishing sick people—of feeding them often and in small quantities, applies here, as elsewhere. Milk, of course, is of the first importance, and may be varied by cream, diluted with an equal quantity of hot water, and further modified by a tiny pinch of bicarbonate of soda.

(To be continued next week.)

FOR YOUR SCRAP-BOOK.

Recipes From Many Sources and of Acknowledged Worth.

MUTTON RAGOUT.

Put one tablespoonful of butter in the frying pan, dredge in a little flour, add two small sliced onions, and fry a light color, put in a few thick slices of cold mutton and fry a rich brown, then a cup of cold water, one-half can of peas, pepper, salt and a little butter, and thicken with a little flour.

LEMON SAUCE.

Cut three slices of lemon into very small dice, and put them into drawn butter, let it come to a boiling point. Good for boiled fowl.

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FISH LEFT-OVERS.

By Christine Terhune Herriek.

Every housewife knows how to fry, broil, or bake fish. What many do not know, however, is the best methods of disposing of the portions of fish that remain after it leaves the table. So much waste is done on this score, and so much of the food that is so good for us is thrown away, that it is well worth while to consider a few of the best ways of utilizing the fish left-overs.

Cold fried fish are best easy to use up than those cooked in any other way. The best thing to do with them if they are small fish, like smelts, perch or other pan fish, is to wrap them in buttered paper, put them in one very hot pan, invert another heated one over them and set them in a good oven until they are hot and crisp. They will be almost as good as if freshly cooked, and if served with a little sauce will not be too dry.

With boiled and baked fish, however, there should be no trouble. If the pieces that remain are large and can be cut into neat slices, they make a delicious salad, especially if a couple of sardines are flaked fine and mixed with the salad. Each piece of fish should be served on a lettuce-leaf, and the dish may be garnished with cucumbers cut into very thin slices or with raw tomatoes, sliced or quartered.

But in all savory little dishes such as bisques, scallops, souffles, or creamed fish that the cold boiled cod or halibut, or what fish you have is particularly valuable. No matter how small the bits, all can be used, and if the supply is insufficient to make a large enough dish for the demand it may be supplemented by sauce, or hard-boiled eggs, or some other accompaniment that will add to the appealing quality as well as to the quantity of the dish.

FISH AU GRATIN.

Cut or flake your fish into small pieces. Make a sauce of a tablespoonful each of butter and browned flour, cooked until they bubble, and a cup of the liquor in which the fish was boiled or a cup of oyster liquor or of very weak stock of any kind. Color the sauce a good brown, and at the same time season it by the addition of a little kitchen bouquet and a suspicion of mushroom catsup or a good table sauce. Put the pieces of fish into this, salt and pepper to taste, and let all get hot together. Fill scallop shells with the mixture, sprinkle browned crumbs over the top, dot with bits of butter, and bake in a quick oven until brown and crisp.

SCALLOPED FISH.

Make a white sauce by cooking together a tablespoonful of butter and one of flour and a cupful of milk until they are thick and smooth. Season to taste. Put a layer of the flaked fish into the bottom of a pudding dish, moisten it with the sauce and proceed with alternate layers of the fish and sauce until the dish is full. For the top strewn with bread crumbs, and put bits of butter here and there. Bake covered for fifteen minutes in a steady oven, uncover and brown. Pass sliced lemon with this.

FISH AND OYSTER SCALLOP.

Make a sauce as directed in the preceding recipe, but have the liquid half oyster liquor and half milk. Have also a solid half pint of oysters. Proceed as with the plain scallop, but put two or three oysters in each layer of the fish and moisten with the sauce. Crumb and bake in the same manner as with the other.

FISH AND TOMATO SCALLOP.

Make this as you do the plain scallop, but alternate the layers of fish with others of tomato, drained from the can, and chopped fine so that there are no lumps left. Put in here and there a pinch of finely minced onion or a few drops of onion juice. Be very careful not to have it too strong. Moistened with the liquor from the tomatoes, made into a sauce with a tablespoonful each of butter and flour, as directed in the recipe for white sauce. Bake like the plain scallop.

FISH AND POTATO.

Flake two cupfuls of fish and for this amount allow a cupful of mashed potato. Put into a frying pan a tablespoonful of butter and half an onion sliced fine. Brown this and add to it a half cup of boiling water and a teaspoonful of good table sauce or tomato catsup. Put the fish into this and stir it until it is hot through. It should be soft enough to run, and if it seems inclined to stiffen too much, boiling

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I know not what record of sin awaits me in the other world; but this I do know, that I never was so mean as to despise a man because he was poor, because he was ignorant, or because he was black.—John A. Andrew.

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Produce the proof.

THAT "PERSONAL FEELINGS" BILL

Senator Tolman's "personal feeling" bill met with a just fate when it was refused substitution Monday by a vote of 22 to 9. The senator's election last fall was not a triumphant entry to the senate on a flower-strewn path, and from some of its incidents he got the suggestion that it would be well to pass a law looking to the restraint of critical newspapers. So he devised a measure providing punishment by fine of the newspaper editors who might stretch the truth a little in the heat of political campaigns. Mr. Tolman wanted candidates for office to have special protection by law, and his bill was so constructed that the newspaper man was forced to fall back on the person from whom he got the information that he published as facts. The senate committee to whom the bill was referred saw the point and wisely extended "leave to withdraw" to Mr. Tolman. But Mr. Tolman, not to be defeated, attempted to substitute the bill, whereupon the senate properly sized up the matter by brushing the whole thing aside.

After this Mr. Tolman must expect the newspapers to fall upon his neck and hobsonize him.

NOTE LIBRARY QUESTIONS

As the slip states, "with a view to enabling our libraries to come nearer to the needs and wishes of the people in their selection of books, the western Massachusetts library club is making an inquiry as to what influences readers most in the choice of the books which they take out." The method adopted of making the inquiry is to send to public libraries a number of slips bearing printed questions, the slips to be distributed to the patrons of the libraries who are expected to affix marks in answers to the questions and to return the slips to libraries issuing them. Those having little or no understanding of the relation of the library to the people will not see much use for the asking of the simple questions. But they have an important bearing on practical library work. The questions in the main relate to how the reader comes to select the book—whether from the catalogue, from a list of new books, from the library shelves, from books set out in the delivery room, from a notice of the books, through the recommendation of a friend or the recommendation of the librarian. A fairly large number of answers to these questions should very clearly indicate the way in which a great many, if not a majority, of readers get introduced to books. Having that information, libraries should be able to do as valuable work in getting the better class of books into a larger number of hands, by simply taking advantage of the agencies which do the most to call the attention of the people to books. Everybody in North Adams who happens to get a library slip should answer the questions. Those who do not happen to get them should ask for them at the library.

A member of the "smart set" in Chicago has set the example of the eight-hour day for domestic servants, and the problem that will be with us always has become a problem with a vengeance.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A complete traveler's guide, with railroad, street railway and postoffice timetables will be found on page 6.

News items of interest are gladly received by the Transcript, and should be left at the office as early in the day as possible.

Communications on live topics are solicited by the Transcript. They must in every case be accompanied by the names of the writers (not necessarily for publication if good reason for withholding them as shown) and must be brief to insure publication.

Notices of meeting and events intended for the "Town's Events" department must be left at the office by 10 o'clock in the morning to insure insertion.

The Transcript's telephone number for counting room and news departments is 230.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- 1610—Pocahontas, Indian princess, wife of John Rolfe, died of smallpox at Gravesend, England; born 1595.
- 1683—John Sebastian Bach, greatest musician of the famous family, born at Eisenach; died 1750.
- 1776—Lucien Bonaparte, second brother of Napoleon I, born in Corsica; died 1840.
- 1804—Publication of the famous "Code Napoleon," the law of France since that date. In the judgment of Napoleon's sharpest critics this code is a monument to his greatness. On the same day the Duc d'Enghien was shot at Vincennes by Bonaparte's order. Napoleon's warmest admirers do not attempt to excuse this crime.
- 1805—Benito Pablo Juarez, statesman of pure Indian blood, born in Oaxaca; died 1872.
- 1859—General George Cooke, noted soldier and Indian fighter, died at Chicago, aged 62.
- 1891—General Joseph R. Johnston died in Washington; born 1807. Senator Edmunds of Vermont resigned.
- 1898—Duc de Talleyrand of the noted old French family died in Berlin; born 1811.



TODAY'S EVENTS.

Mountain lodge, A. O. U. W., meets.

W. R. C. meets, with social following.

Carpenters' union meets.

Citizens' municipal league meets.

Red Men meet.

Universalist ladies' supper, 5 to 7.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

The W. R. C. will give a whist party tomorrow evening with dancing afterwards.

A continuous line of electric roads from Troy to New York city is the latest rumor.

The only case in police court this morning was a probation case that was filed away.

Lieutenant-Governor Bates will speak at the annual banquet of the Pittsfield Y. M. C. A. May 4.

There will be a half-hour prayer at Salvation army hall tonight to which Christians especially are invited.

Cascade lodge, N. E. O. P., will give a whist party Monday evening in Odd Fellows' hall, to which the public is invited.

The shoe-cutters' union did not hold its election, scheduled for last evening, and it will probably be held at the next meeting.

A large picture of the Richmond house as it will look when the new hotel has been completed has been placed in the hotel office.

The board of examiners for plumbers met yesterday and elected Dr. Putnam chairman and Plumbing Inspector Nugent secretary of the board.

This, according to the almanac, is the first day of spring, the sun having "crossed the line" yesterday. The spring breezes were very noticeable today.

Manager Reagan has booked "The Little Minister" for the Columbia on April 2, "The colonial girl" for a return date April 3, and "Because she loved him so" for April 7.

That part of the Lebanon Springs railroad in Vermont is advertised to be sold at auction today, but a strong effort has been made before Judge Start to have the sale adjourned.

The trial of Cleveland and Smith, which occupied all day yesterday in the district court, was adjourned yesterday afternoon to next Monday morning. It is thought that one day more may complete the case.

Senator Tolman had hard luck with his bill to censorize the newspapers. The trouble with it was, he aimed a blow at all honest newspapers in his attempt to strike the dishonest ones.—Springfield Union.

The Ladies' Catholic Benevolent association of St. Francis' parish met last night and initiated two candidates and received four applications for membership. The anniversary celebration has been postponed till April 3, when it will probably be held at Columbia theater.

The choir of the Congregational church has been rehearsing for the past two months a new sacred cantata, "The story of the cross" by Dudley Buck. It is one of the most dignified works of this famous composer, and will be sung at one of the regular services before Easter.

There was no session of St. Joseph's school Monday, St. Joseph's day, and Rev. Father Burke improved the occasion to give the Sisters a sleigh-ride. A four-horse sleigh was procured from Horrigan's livery and the party was taken several miles beyond Stamford and return. It was an enjoyable trip, and all fully appreciated Father Burke's thoughtfulness and liberality.

Last evening the "Richmond house opera troupe," made up entirely of those employed at the hotel, gave an entertainment, consisting of musical specialties, recitations and dancing. The entertainment was given to initiate B. Miller, who has become a member of the "Red Indian order." The company contemplates giving the one act farce, "Sunshine in Paradise alley."

The case of John Purcell against the Dobler brewing company, which resulted in an attachment on the latter's property as it was being moved out of the building formerly used by Mr. Purcell, has been settled, and the company will continue to move its property, which has been sold to Maupert of Adams. The costs of the action are borne by Messrs. Purcell and Parker.

SUSPICION OF SUICIDE

Death of Adams Girl This Morning Being Investigated

Miss Selma Herzog, or as the name was sometimes spelled, Therna Hertzog, lived with her mother at 80 Summer street in Adams, died suddenly this morning about 7 o'clock. Dr. Holmes was called, and reaching the house shortly after, found the case one where he thought best to send for Assistant Medical Examiner Bushnell of this city.

The medical examiner investigated the case carefully, as there were circumstances that made it look like a possible suicide. The investigation was not finished today, and no decision had been reached in the matter.

The girl, who was 22 years old, had been employed as a weaver in one of the mills. About a week ago she left work on account of illness, but had not been seriously ill. Yesterday she was out on the street, and she was apparently as well as usual last night when she went to bed. About 5 o'clock this morning she rose to get a drink of water, and shortly before 7 was seized with convulsions, dying shortly after mother was present when she died, but it was so sudden that nothing could be done for her.

She lived alone with her mother, but has three brothers living elsewhere.

Death of Mrs. Blackinton

As already briefly reported, Mrs. Emmeline E. Blackinton died yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joseph P. Reed, on Church street, in the 82d year of her age. She had been in feeble health for a long time, but her death was caused by grip, with which she was attacked about 10 days ago.

Mrs. Blackinton was born at Wilmamstown in April, 1818, and was the daughter of Ira and Ann Ford. She grew up in that town, and at the age of 20 years was married to Peter Blackinton. They settled in Adams, where Mr. Blackinton was for many years engaged in the woolen manufacturing business. He retired and they moved to this city 18 years ago, making their home with their daughter, Mrs. Reed. Mr. Blackinton died five years later.

Mrs. Blackinton had an extensive acquaintance in this city, Adams and Wilmamstown, and was very highly esteemed. She was a sociable, kind-hearted and friendly woman sympathetic and helpful, and her many estimable qualities endeared her to all with whom she was thrown into contact. She had been a member of the Congregational church for many years, and her daily life was that of an earnest and devoted Christian. Her long life was one of worthy and fruitful endeavor, and she will be kindly remembered by all who ever enjoyed her acquaintance. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Joseph P. Reed of this city and Mrs. David D. Bowen of Adams. A sister and a brother also survive her, Mrs. F. O. Sayles of Adams and Charles I. Ford, who lives in Missouri.

The funeral will be held at the house, 87 Church street, tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock. Rev. W. L. Tenney will officiate and the body will be taken to Adams for burial in the family lot.

Against Shooting on Sunday

There was a large delegation before the committee of fisheries and game in Boston yesterday morning in opposition to the bill of Representative McCarty to allow Sunday shooting. Rev. M. D. Kneeland of the Sabbath Protective league made the point that the census officials have stated that in three-fifths of the country's area game was being annihilated. Rev. W. H. Albright of Dorchester claimed the workman could get away from work on secular days if he was enough interested. Even if he lost his wages it was worse than for other people to lose their time. Other speakers were William Shaw, treasurer of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, Representative Robinson of Springfield and A. B. P. Kenney of Worcester.

Two G. A. R. Funerals

The funeral of George N. Lambert will be held at Grand Army hall at 3:30 tomorrow. The funeral of A. J. Deming will be at 2:30 at the hall.

BLACKINTON

George P. Carpenter is suffering from a severe attack of grip and is very ill at his home.

A telephone system is being put in the Blackinton mills connecting each department with the superintendent's office.

Officer Brifley made the first arrest since his appointment for this year Monday evening, when he was called to take charge of a drunken man on one of the electric cars.

Thomas P. Holland will not hold his dancing class this week.

The Y. M. C. A. male chorus of 16 voices will be at Union church next Sunday evening and a gentleman from Springfield will conduct the prayer meeting, assisted by Secretary Hale of North Adams.

We can tell better whether Hall of Fame is a fitting title when we see the names inscribed therein.—Ridgewood (N. J.) News.

The proposition to erect a hall of fame in New York city is of course being met with difficulty as to how to detect the famous.—Syracuse Post-Standard.

Miss Helen Gould gives \$100,000 to build a hall of fame for the University of the City of New York, and her father's name is to be included in its roster of the distinguished dead. That's all right. Jay deserves to be remembered as the father of one of the kindest hearted, clearest headed and most generous women in the world.—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

FLOWER AND TREE.

In Australia there is said to be a gum tree which is 415 feet in height.

The rose was an emblem of immortality among the Syrians, and the Chinese planted it over graves.

The wood of the redwood tree never decays, it is said, and fallen trunks, which have been overgrown by old forests, are as solid as the day they fell.

Perhaps you don't know that a few roots of iris—the Japanese iris is best—planted in rich earth in an old washtub painted green on the outside will make a handsome ornament for your lawn, especially if you will give it plenty of water.

WANT CENSUS ENUMERATORS

Two From Each Ward Wanted to Ask Questions This Year

Communications are being sent to the mayors of the cities in the state from District Supervisor of the Census Horace G. Wadlin of Boston asking for assistance in securing enumerators for the work of taking the 12th United States census. Two enumerators are needed in each ward—14 in all in this city.

The enumerator should be a resident of the ward and if possible of the precinct which he is to cover. The enumerator must be intelligent, courteous and a good penman. He must be vouched for by the mayor or some other responsible person. Application blanks have been sent to the city clerks in the various cities. They should be mailed to the supervisor within a week of the date of filing out.

The actual work will be done during the first two weeks in June, but in order to dispatch the necessary preliminary work application for employment must be filed soon.

The communications close with the following: "In case a sufficient number of fit residents of your city cannot be found for the work, I shall be obliged to appoint non-residents. But I do not anticipate this contingency. If it becomes generally known that the places are open."

MEN OF MARK.

Lord Salisbury is increasing in stoutness and recently tipped the beam at 205 pounds.

Archbishop Ireland is a man of many tastes, chief among which is that for law, which study he has pursued for several years.

President McKinley drank no wine at the recent Ohio society banquet. He turned his glass down at the beginning of the feast.

Ex-Congressman John Davis of the Fifth Kansas district has gone totally blind. He was one of the founders of the Populist party and served two terms in congress.

Salvini, the famous Italian tragedian, now 72 years old, is acting in St. Petersburg, his first appearance there for 20 years. He is said to have created great enthusiasm.

Brislin Skiles of Gap, Lancaster county, Pa., though 84 years old, still makes good his claim to the title "the king of fox hunters," which was bestowed upon him many years ago.

Senator Hoar's jokes take a classic turn. He recently declined a dinner invitation on the ground that after dining he spoke only Greek, while he knew his host understood only Persian.

Dr. Charles W. Dabney, president of the University of Tennessee, has received notice from the French government of his appointment as a member of the committee on international awards at the Paris exposition.

Alfred Beit, the South African millionaire, is reported to have bought a suit of old furniture for \$350,000, which is abundant evidence that Mr. Beit is not paying the expenses of a war waged largely on his account.

Sir William McCormack, the chief consulting surgeon to the British forces in South Africa, receives a salary of \$5,000 a year. Dr. A. Conan Doyle, who volunteered to go as registrar to the Langham field hospital, receives no pay.

Giles F. Filley, who recently died in St. Louis, gave up his whole fortune, nearly \$1,500,000, a few years ago to meet the notes of a friend which he had endorsed, although he might have taken advantage of the bankruptcy laws.

Ex-Senator Philicus Sawyer of Wisconsin recently sold his last piece of property in Washington and now owns only a trifling bit of suburban acreage. He takes a keen interest in Washington affairs and is extremely well posted on what is going on.

Senator Vest recently sent a newspaper clipping to the secretary to be read to the house. The latter got the wrong side of the clipping, and instead of an editorial on the money question began: "Ridiculous! We are giving away these goods at half price." "The other side!" cried Mr. Vest.

Calvin Fenton Fargo, who recently died in San Francisco at the age of 80, was a "forty-niner." He was a cousin of Governor Fenton and a native of Batavia, N. Y. He lived in Paris for 15 years, returning to California in 1865. He was a bachelor and left his large fortune to his niece, the wife of Dr. George Taylor Stuart of New York city.

PEN, PENCIL AND BRUSH.

W. E. Norris, the novelist, is to write two comedies and a drama during the present year.

General Lew Wallace is at work upon another drama, the scene of which is said to be laid in Thebes.

F. Marion Crawford, the author, is a yachtsman of ability and has just been granted by the Italian authorities a captain's certificate of his ability to sail a ship at sea.

The monument to Rosa Bonheur at Fontainebleau will be completely the work of members of the artist's family under the direction of Isidore Bonheur, the sculptor, her brother.

Hubert Herkimer, the English painter, is in Berlin to execute a number of orders for portraits and at the same time arrange an exhibition of his own works. This will include some of his most important pictures, among them the portrait of Miss Grant, the "Lady in White," the "Lady in Black" and some of his recent work in enamel.

THE RAMPANT LION.

A high compliment is paid public sentiment when the queen of England goes barnstorming.—Washington Post.

If the British can only overcome an enemy by superior numbers, how long will the British empire last?—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

General Roberts will find he'll have to pay full fare before he reaches Pretoria by rail. The Boers hold all the passes.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

John Bull is pleased to see that the Boer is trekking toward the interior, but he would be much better satisfied if he did not in nearly every case take all of his guns along.—Pittsburgh Times.

President Kruger's peace overtures naturally will have some effect on the diplomatic world at large in making it clear that the contest from now on, so far as the Boers are concerned, is a death struggle for independence.—Chicago Record.

Why He Sold.

Dasher—Yes, I sold my automobile. Had to because it brought an army of tramps around the house.

Rasher—Brought tramps around the house? What were they after?

Dasher—They admired the blanked out sign on it and would not work.

AND STILL MORE

Praise From North Adams People for the Best Spring Medicine

GURO BLOOD TONIC

Another name to be added to the already long list of North Adams people that praise Curo. Another local witness for Curo's superior excellence:

Mr. Nicholas J. Walsh, police officer North Adams, Mass. says: "As a spring medicine for the blood, stomach and liver and as a strength giver, there is no remedy in my opinion equal to Curo Blood Tonic. I have used it with much benefit and highly recommend it."

Curo Blood Tonic justly deserves its great reputation as a blood medicine. It makes the blood rich, red and plentiful; cleans and freshens the skin, soothes the nerves, sharpens the appetite, aids digestion and healthfully regulates the bowels. Curo brings strength back and banishes despondency.

To introduce thoroughly and convince everyone of its immense value all drug gists sell a \$1 bottle of Curo Blood Tonic for 50c.

Free Free Gordon Baldwin, M. A.

To thoroughly introduce himself to the people of North Adams during his stay here he makes the following inducement. Any one presenting this advertisement and 50 cents within two days will receive a reading regarding the past, present and future.

Palmist-Adviser-Healer

This distinguished young life adviser and medium of Europe is different from all others in America claiming these powers. Being at the head of the mediums' protective association of Europe and America, also ranking as Prince of Queen Stella's tribe of Romanys gypsies his reputation is world wide. He has no equal.

He tells you just what to expect, and when to expect it, how to control any one or anything and succeed in love, marriage, divorce, health, business, speculation, property, law suits, reunites separated hearts, absent friends, settles lovers' quarrels, family affairs tells if the one you love is true, tells who and when to marry, etc. So perfect are his powers that he tells your FULL NAME, AGE and what you call for all without asking questions.

Do you not wish to become comfortably wealthy?

Do you not wish to become reconciled with your friends?

Do you not wish to win the affections of some loved one?

Do you not wish to be cured of that bodily affliction?

If so call as his fees are reduced for a few days.

Prof. Baldwin is the only member of the Royal Order of Divination in America. Kind, Sympathetic and Generous, he turns no one in need away. He carries his own attendants and everything is private. Office hours, 10 a. m. to 8:30 p. m., daily.

Office, 3 Church Place

Under the management of A. H. Hoyt.

There is a time for everything. Now is the time to buy drugs and medicines and

Save Money

Our Regular Price

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Syrup Hypophosphates	65c 1.25
Beef, Iron and Wine	49c 75c
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Emulsion Cod Liver Oil	50c 1.00
Arnold's Cough Killer	15c 25c
Altwood's Bitters	20c 25c
Lithia Tablets	35c 50c
Mennens' Talcum Powd.	20c 25c
Norwegian Cod Liver Oil	50c 75c
Liebigs' Extract Beef	40c 50c
Denifacolor	20c 25c
Tooth Powder	20c 25c
Laxative Bromo Quin.	15c 25c
Carter's Pills	12c 25c
Mellin's Food	65c 75c
Malted Milk	38c 50c

John A. Rice

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President Kruger's

offers of peace have a string tied to them—You will not find any string tied to the following offer which we make

Special Sale Black Clay Suits

at 1899 Prices.

For this sale only Sacks or 3 button Cutaway Frock Suits Pure Worsted \$8, \$10, \$12 and \$15.—200 Suits. Later purchases means \$2.00 to \$5.00 per suit advance

All the above suits are of same manufacture from the celebrated Washington Mills, prices according to weight—14 oz, 16 oz, 18 oz, 20 oz.

Have a suit laid out if you haven't all the money in your pocket.

Barnard & Co.

This is Sure to be a Great Suit Year

In spite of everything Suits are Lower this year than last. We show a very good suit for 5.00. The \$7.50 suit is far prettier and a good investment. At \$10 and \$12.50 the styles we show cannot fail to please; but at \$15, \$18.50 and \$20.00 why the Styles, Cut and Fit are wonderful. With such a line of Suits, Jackets, Skirts and Silk Waists as we show and the exclusive styles to be found here you are sure to find something to suit both your idea and purse. We are already for house cleaning time with the best line of Wall Papers, Carpets, Window Shades, Rugs and Lace Curtains we have ever shown.

You get the best assortment here and the Lowest Prices always.

TUTTLE & BRYANT, The Leaders

The Wedding Season is Coming

And naturally your mind will be turned to China, Sterling Silver, Silver Plated Ware, Cut Glass, Clocks, Lamps or some article right along in this line.

Your money back if not pleased. Silver Engraved Free.

Spruill's Crockery Store

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Compound Extract of Meadow Saffron and Dandelion

A SPRING MEDICINE such as your grandparents used and the kind you should use. It is composed of the most valuable TONIC, ALTERATIVE and BLOOD PURIFYING VEGETABLE REMEDIES. It enriches the blood as it invigorates the whole system. Now is the time to take it, to be healthy and happy the whole year, 50c per pint.

Farley's Pharmacy, 6 Blackinton Block, Holden Street Telephone 157-3.

This is our fourth year of successful bicycle business, and not a dissatisfied customer. We never have sold tin wheels and we take care of our customers. We have the best and largest line of high grade bicycles in this city and we don't try to force any one make of goods on our customers.

HODGE, Summer street.

R-I-P-A-N-S. 10 for 5 cents at drug-gists. They banish pain and prolong life. One gives relief. No matter what's the matter, one will do you good.

TO RENT—One room 70x22 feet, second floor, in Sperry building. Inquire of W. C. Ellis. 1245tf

TO RENT—Pleasant newly furnished rooms, with board. 11 North Holden street. 1237tf

TO RENT—Two tenements on Vesale street. Rent \$11.50 a month. Apply 11 Bank street. 1238tf

TO RENT—Tenement 3-11 Holden street. Inquire A. W. Hunter, Bank street. 1212tf

TO RENT—Tenements in first class condition to rent in all parts of the city at moderate prices. Also large store on Bank street. Reasonable rent. Apply to Clarence W. Gallup, North Adams Savings Bank block. 1216tf

TO RENT—Office corner Bank and Main street. Boland block, steam heat and running water. Inquire P. J. Boland. 1148 tf

TO RENT—Office rooms over Fountain's store, Bank street. Apply to E. Bissallion. 1208tf

TO RENT—Williams block, Holden street. Stores 20x30 feet, steam heat, rent \$5 per month. Address E. Williams, Pittsfield, Mass. 1183tf

TO RENT—Tenements. Inquire at the office of Ashe & Arnold. 1280tf

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—A bottling establishment on Marshall street, fully equipped with machinery and fixtures, ready to commence business and to be sold cheap. Inquire G. Mauserv, Adams. 1254tf

FOR SALE—House for sale. Inquire William Goodell, Clarksburg, Mass. 1248tf

FOR SALE—Building lots on State street near the new Hunter foundry. Inquire John Parker. 1223tf

WANTED

WANTED—Working girl, 26, German-American, of pleasant disposition, wishes acquaintance of a gentleman with view to matrimony. Address C. Transcript office. w233tf

AGENT WANTED

In each town to represent the Boston Transcript in a gold mining company (one of the best) prospecting for gold. Very unusual opportunity for industrial workers. References furnished.

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LOST

LOST—Friday morning, a red ribbon belt with silver buckle. Finder please return to Transcript office or 270 Walnut street. 1253tf

LOST

On the street between Main, Church, Eagle and State street a side shell comb, studded with rhine stones. Reward offered if returned to 316 South Church street.

LOST

TO RENT—Two new tenements on Laurel avenue. All modern improvements. Inquire W. H. Bennett, 13 Adams National Bank block. 1249tf

TO RENT—Six-room tenement rear 31 Elm street. D. G. Burbank 17 Cherry street. After 6 p. m. 1246tf

TO RENT—3 room tenement, centrally located. Inquire J. R. White, T215tf

TO RENT—Eleven room house, centrally located in good neighborhood. Inquire 84 Eagle street. 1248tf

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If it is put up at
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ADAMS

The price of the Transcript delivered in Adams is twelve cents a week.

COMPANY M'S TROPHY RECEIVED.

Company M's trophy which their rifle team won last fall at the regimental shoot was received Tuesday afternoon. It is a handsome picture, a steel engraving of "Battery H" as seen in action on a battlefield. The picture has dark colored oak frame and on the bottom is a brass plate inscribed, "Second Infantry, Regimental Shoot, 1899. First Prize, M. Co. of Adams. Score at 200 yards, 414."

This makes eight pictures of the kind which Company M has won, and all are first prizes. In 1897 the company lost by a point and the score of F. W. Roberts, a former member of Company M, who shot with Northampton and defeated them.

The pictures are all suspended on the wall of the company's parlor and they grace the room immensely. The trophy is another testimonial of the worth and marksmanship of "The Banner Company of the Second Regiment."

LOCAL YOUNG MAN MISSING.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Slattery of North Summer street are anxious about the welfare of their only son, Thomas, who has mysteriously disappeared. He left home early Monday morning and has not been seen or heard from since.

A week ago he started in the meat business. He had a market at his home and peddled meat with a horse and cart. He did a good business from the start. Monday morning he drove to J. P. Flaherty's on Myrtle street to purchase meat. The proprietor was not in the market but Mr. Slattery was told that he would be there soon.

Instead of waiting Mr. Slattery drove his horse and cart into Liverman Witter's yard and left the horse standing there. The animal was left unattended all day. Mr. Slattery did not show up and his folks became alarmed. Enquiries were made but nothing could be learned of his whereabouts. He did not have much money with him and his folks are at a loss to know what can have happened to him.

TO BUILD A NEW TRESTLE.

For nearly a year the trestle that leads from the Boston and Albany railroad near the gas house off Columbia street, across the canal that leads from the Hoosac river to the Renfrew manufacturing company's pond, north of the gas house to Berkshire mill No. 2, has been condemned. Freight cars were run over it but it was too dangerous to run an engine on it. Empty and loaded freight cars had to be pushed over and back by hand.

The trestle was built by R. L. Fosberg & Co. and was perfectly safe for a long time. The track rested on wooden horses. The bases of the horses were on stone foundations in the canal and high water has washed them so that the weight of a car makes them sink deeper into the bed of the canal. Heavy timbers have been shipped by the Boston and Albany company and the trestle will be repaired. The railroad pile driving machine is here and piles will take the place of the wooden horses.

CLAIMS HOUSE WAS ROBBED.

Joseph Goulon of Bellevue avenue reported to the police Tuesday evening that his house had been robbed of \$32. He said the money had been left in a bureau drawer in the house and a gold watch was with it. The watch was not taken.

Mr. and Mrs. Goulon works at the L. L. Brown paper company's mill and their house is locked every day. They have one child who is cared for by a neighbor.

Mr. Goulon said he put the money in the bureau drawer last Saturday. He thought of putting it in the bank and then said he would wait till next Saturday. Tuesday he went to get \$2 to pay for some dishes which he purchased and the money was gone. The police are at work on the case.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Universalist church was held Tuesday evening. James C. Chalmers was moderator and these officers were elected: Clerk, C. F. Sayles; treasurer, G. H. Holden; trustees, I. S. Ball, F. A. Richmond, W. E. Harmon; music committee, J. C. Chalmers, G. H. Holden, L. Brown Renfrew; delegates to the Winchester convention to be held at Adams in June, Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Ball; delegates to the state convention, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Holden; pew renters, I. S. Ball and H. E. Harrington; ushers, H. E. Harrington, F. A. Richmond. The reports of the church officers were very encouraging and showed the church to be in good standing.

CALEDONIAN CLUB MEETING.

The regular meeting of the Caledonian club was held Tuesday evening. The delegates who were at the meeting in Pittsfield and talked of forming a county and possibly a state association. The Caledonian club, reported. The local club favors such an organization. This evening the first of the series of card games at "forty-five" with the Thistle Quot club, will be played. The meeting will be in the Quot club's house.

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He may even mix up in the social affairs If only his credit is good. May patronize theaters, lectures, church fairs, If only his credit is good. He can dress like a dude in the swellest of clothes, Wear new patent leathers and striped silk hose, And exhale od'rous perfumes wherever he goes, If only his credit is good.

But I somewhere have read that there's only one way

Of keeping one's credit real good, And that is to stroll in some morning and pay Those with whom your credit is good. I know it is hard, but nothing else goes With those who give shelter and victuals and clothes And bottles whose contents I may not disclose To the fellows whose credit is good. —Minneapolis Journal.

The Voice of Experience.

Bronson—On what grounds do you suppose that college professors base his statement that 90 per cent of marriages are unhappy?

Henry Peck—He probably spends 90 per cent of his time at home.—Philadelphia North American.

That She Knew About That Is.

"I'm dreadfully worried about Willie," she said. "What's the matter?" he asked. "Why, he hasn't been up to any mischief for nearly half a day."—Chicago Post.

Revised Version.

"Why stand ye here idle all the day?" asked the taxpayer who is fond of quotations.

"Because," replied the party of the second part, "I am a city employee."—Chicago News.

When Conditions Rule.

"Do you swear or affirm?" asked the clerk.

"It depends entirely upon the provocation," replied the witness.—Philadelphia North American.

Advice.

First Fly—I've got to do something to build myself up this summer. Second Fly—Why don't you try horseback riding? It's done wonders for me.—Types.

The Average Man's View.

"How do you feel about this movement to abolish bells?" "I'm down on the rising bell, but the dinner bell is all right."—Chicago Record.

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A GENEROUS MONARCH.

Gives His Captain All the Credit For a Theatrical Effort.

The Kaiser—Speak out boldly, Herr Captain. Vat do you consider de verdict on my—on our play to haf been? Captain Lauf—De troot is gwite always unbleibant, your majesty. But de cheneral impression s'— is to be dot de "Iron Tooth" needs fil.

The Kaiser—Neffter mind cheneral impressions. Vat didet dey say about it in barticular?

Captain Lauf—Dey saidt dere vas too much talk about it.

The Kaiser—Vell, aindt dot natural for a tooth? Ho, ho, ho! Pesides, you know dot you wrotet most of de dialogue yourself. Dot's vun on you, Lauf.

Captain Lauf—Dey wouldn't say nodding elder vay at de end of de feerast act.

The Kaiser—Dot vas your ending, you know, Herr Captain.

Captain Lauf—Dey hiletet the second act like geoses.

The Kaiser—Most of dot act vas yours.

Captain Lauf—Dey groaned ofer de third act.

The Kaiser—Dot vas all yours.

Captain Lauf—Und most effrybody vented home in de fo'rt act.

The Kaiser—I gif you all de credit for de fo'rt act, captain.

Captain Lauf—Your majesty is gwite too chenerous.

The Kaiser—Not at all! Not at all! It's chust my vay. I wish you better luck negst time. Gooby.

Captain Lauf—Gooby, your majesty.

The Kaiser—Oh, captain, vun moment.

Captain Lauf—Vell, vot is it?

The Kaiser—Captain, it is to Lauf! Laughs uproariously, while Lauf goes out, angrily slamming the door.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

GALLANTRY OF A SCOUT.

How an American Soldier Captured Eight Filipinos.

A report from the Philippines just received at the war department in Washington describes the gallantry of a soldier of the regulars—Private John Haney of the Twenty-second infantry, who is detached and serving with Lowe's scouts.

He was posted by Lieutenant Carter to guard a mountain pass about 20 miles back of Vigan. The night was half gone when Haney saw a fire burning brightly some little distance down the mountain side. Taking his carbine, he followed a wood trail which led toward the light and, coming into an opening, saw a native hut, with close about the fire eight Filipinos in the uniform of the insurgent army. Their guns had been thrown aside, and they were deeply interested in the cooking of a young pig that turned on a spit above the fire.

Creeping forward, Haney came to a position which would give him a great advantage should the rebels stand for a light. Then, leveling his carbine, he called on them to surrender.

They were thrown into the greatest confusion by the unexpected appearance of the American, and, thinking they were entirely surrounded, gave themselves up without resistance. Haney took into the camp the eight men, one sergeant, the same number of guns and a little pig beautifully roasted.

HUGE NEW RAILWAY BRIDGE.

Solid Masonry Structure Will Be Over 3,000 Feet Long.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company has awarded contracts for the construction of what is expected to be the largest solid masonry bridge in the world at a cost of at least \$1,000,000.

The new bridge will span the Susquehanna river at Havre de Grace on the main line between Baltimore and Philadelphia and will replace the present structure, says the New York Times. It will have 48 solid masonry arches of cut stone, each of which will be 72 feet in the clear and giving a total length when completed of between 3,000 and 3,700 feet. The width will be sufficient for three tracks. It will take several years to finish the work, but an effort will be made to construct 16 of the arches before next winter.

The iron structure which will be replaced was built in 1873, and though strong enough to withstand heavy trains eventually it would have to be renewed, and the management decided that the work should begin at once.

Where He Would Have Been.



Blks (of the South Dumshire volunteer rifles, who has been explaining how things ought to be done in South Africa)—Why, my boy, if I had been in command of the troops, I would have been in Pretoria by this time!

Stimpkins—I've no doubt you would—as a prisoner!—Punch.

A Benefactor.

"James," whispered the good woman, "there's a burglar in the parlor. He's stumbled against the piano in the dark. I heard several of the keys struck."

"All right!" said James. "I'll go down."

"Oh, James, you're not going to do anything rash!"

"Certainly not. I'm going to help him. You don't suppose he can get that piano out of the house without assistance, do you?"—Philadelphia Press.

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QUEEN OF TROTTERS.

Great Record of Maud S, the Pet of Vanderbilt and Donner.

At the age of 23, which is equivalent to 75 in a human being, the queen of the trotting turf passed away, says the New York Journal. Like many of our equine aristocracy, Maud S was bred in the blue grass region of Kentucky. Beautiful Woodburn farm, at Spring Station, was her birthplace. Her sire was the celebrated stallion Harold and her dam Miss Russell, the daughter of Pilot, Jr.

When Maud S was 2 years old, she was sold by A. J. Alexander, who bred her, to Mrs. Burgher of Cincinnati. Captain George H. Stone got possession of the mare soon after and named her Maud S, after his daughter. Maud S first displayed speed in her third year, when she trotted a mile in 2:40 over the half mile track at Cincinnati. In the following year she made a mark of 2:17½ at Lexington. This was considered a remarkable performance. It attracted the attention of William H. Vanderbilt, who purchased the mare from Mr. Stone for \$20,000.

The millionaire did not intend to race the beautiful chestnut mare, but at the earnest request of the public he permitted her to start a few times. One of these races took place at Chicago in 1890, when she defeated Trinket and established a mark of 2:13½.

On Sept. 18 of the same year she turned a mile in 2:10½. This feat gave her a wide reputation, and she became as famous as Vanderbilt himself. In fact, the millionaire actually became jealous of his horse, because when he drove her on the road people would say "There goes Maud S" instead of "There goes Mr. Vanderbilt." This is believed to be the real reason for his selling the horse in 1894 to Robert Bonner for \$40,000. Mr. Bonner took the horse with the distinct understanding that he would not race her.

About this time Jay E. See put the record to 2:10, but on the very day at Cleveland Maud S lowered her mark to 2:09½. As this was not a safe margin, Maud S was shipped south and on Nov. 11, 1894, put the record to 2:09½ at Lexington. At Cleveland on July 30, 1895, she made her remarkable record of 2:08½, which has never been equaled with the old high wheeled sulky on a circular track. This practically ended the career of Maud S upon the track. Her record stood for six years, when Sunol lowered it half a second on the kite shaped track at Stockton, Cal.

While these records have been beaten repeatedly by horses hitched to the bicycle sulky, it is generally admitted by old horsemen that none of the latter day kings and queens of the trotting turf could have touched the record of Maud S under the old conditions. Another fact concerning her record of 2:08½ is that she made it when not in the best condition.

Maud S was considered the most intelligent horse ever bred in the United States. She was always sweet tempered, and her memory for old friends was remarkable. The Bonners regarded her as one of the family and would have as soon thought of selling one of themselves as allowing the famous trotter to pass under the hammer.

A Lay of a Hen.

A stub tailed hen looked to the west— Most solemnly that hen did look— And in this wise the sun addressed: The whole her stubby tail she shook:

"You think that you are something ho— And I am but a humble hen, Yet some advantage have I got, If you'll consider now and then.

"I reckon that you do your best— His best will nobody disagree— Yet you must set there in the west, While I can set in any place." —Chicago Record.

While "He" Was After Tees.

Miss Withers—You are blushing, Coya! What was that clumsy partner of yours saying?

Miss Kniesly—Oh, nothing; only that before he met me life seemed a desert to him.

Miss Withers—That is no reason why he should waltz like a dromedary, is it?—Brooklyn Life.

The Cynical Lover.

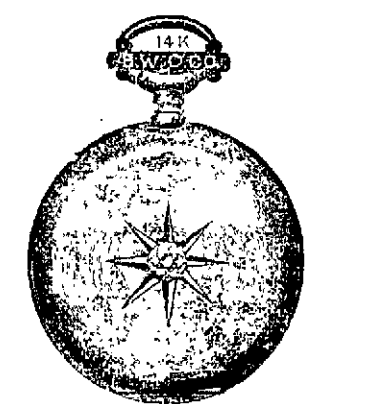
If you would let me have my way, My sweet, I'd spend the fleeting day, One half in bidding fond adieu, The other half in greeting you. The meetings and the partings, dear, Make up the joys of love's short year, For long together, long apart, Brings balm or surcease to the heart. —Philadelphia North American.

Harbingers in Dry Goods.

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Re-Insurance Reserve	\$64,674.13
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Cash Surplus	60,681.55
Increase in Surplus over Jan. 1, 1899	\$7,351.49

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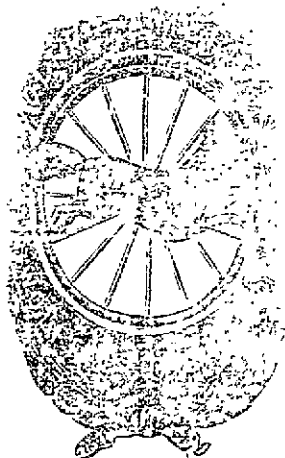
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NOT A QUORUM

Board of Trade Annual Meeting Couldn't be Held Last Night

"THE OTHER FELLOW" FAILED

Delinquents Who Relied on Him Will be Given Another Chance Next Week. Directors Consider State Road Officers Nominated

The 80 or so members of the board of trade who did not attend the annual meeting of the organization called for last evening, will have occasion today to regard themselves as more important to the success of the board than they had imagined. There are about 96 members in good standing, according to statements made last evening, and so many of these relied on the "other fellows" to go and elect officers and transact business for them, that the poor "other fellows" couldn't raise a quorum. Consequently there was nothing to do but adjourn the meeting. Next time it was urged by those present last evening that each member constitute himself into a "come-and-bring-a-friend" committee. In this way it is believed that a working quorum can be secured.

The meeting was called for 8 o'clock and from that time till 9:30 the board of directors met and waited for a quorum to arrive. A number of members came and went, so that during the evening there were more than 15 required for a quorum in the room. But the most that could be rounded up at any one time was 14 members, so that no business could be done.

President Dennett said during the course of the evening that he thought many of the members must have understood that the meeting was simply for directors, as the records of membership and the treasurer's report showed that more interest had been taken in the board this year than in previous years.

The fact that for the annual meeting not enough members could be found to attend to make a quorum was a somewhat disheartening one to those who would like to see the board an institution capable of taking an active part in the work that should be constantly done for the welfare of the city, but as brought out at the meeting, the records of the secretary and treasurer show that many men are interested in the success of the board who are too willing to let other members do the active work. In view of this, there seems to be hope that if the individual members can be impressed with the fact that their individual efforts are necessary to success, something may yet be accomplished.

In spite of the fact that there was no meeting to transact business, considerable interest developed, especially in the long session of the directors that was held. The directors called for a report from the treasurer, and Mr. Niles presented in substance the report that he had prepared to be presented to the board as a whole. This showed a very encouraging state of affairs, that the board was in better financial condition than it has been for some time.

After some discussion of this, and the report of the rooms committee on which the giving up of all the rooms but the parlors was mentioned, the matter of some action to secure state road between this city and Adams was brought up. A statement was made showing that the efforts of the city officials could be greatly reinforced by some action on the part of the board representing the business interests. It was finally voted that the president appoint a committee of five to work with the city officials to secure if possible an appropriation from the state highway commission for the state road between this city and Adams.

The question of the holding of the annual banquet was then brought up, and after some discussion the selection of a date and the arrangements were referred to the entertainment committee.

By this time it was seen that it would be impossible to get a quorum of the board together, and the meeting of the directors was adjourned in order that the association might meet and adjourn to some later date. After the reading of the call, Chairman Tower of the nominating committee made the report of the committee, placing a list of names before the meeting for the officers of next year. This list, which is to be voted on at the adjourned meeting, is as follows:

President, James E. Hunter; first vice-president, T. W. Sykes, second vice-president, H. W. Clark; directors, A. C. Houghton, W. G. Cady, E. S. Wilkinson, C. Q. Richmond, C. T. Phelps, C. W. Dennett, N. L. Millard, I. F. Hall, E. Barnard, A. C. Weber, E. Vadnais; treasurer, C. P. Niles; auditors, W. H. Pritchard, W. W. Richmond.

The meeting was then adjourned to 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening, March 27. As that is the evening of the Philippine debate, it is hoped to begin the meeting promptly in order that the members may attend the debate.

Berkshire Bar Want Judgeship

The Berkshire bar are anxious that Governor Crane shall appoint one of their number to the vacancy on the superior bench. The name of John F. Noxon of the firm of Crosby & Noxon is prominently mentioned. He was a student in the office of the late Judge Dewey at Great Barrington and removing to Pittsfield some 15 years or more ago was associated with ex-Attorney General Waterman, and later, after being in practice alone for some time, formed a partnership with ex-Congressman Crosby. It is understood that Mr. Noxon would consider the appointment if it was offered to him. The name of Representative William Turle, a sound lawyer, is also mentioned. Ex-District Attorney Hibbard, a democrat, is also prominently talked of. The Berkshire bar have found it inconvenient many times to obtain injunctions or to argue motions in chambers on Saturdays when judges are usually at home. They could do so without coming to Springfield or going to Greenfield.—Springfield Republican.

FOR NOTRE DAME CHURCH

The Notable Musical Event to be Given Tomorrow Evening

The concert and oratorio to be given tomorrow evening in Notre Dame church promises to be one of the musical events of the season in this city. All who attend are sure of a musical treat, and the sale of tickets indicates that the church will be crowded.

The first part of the program will consist of a miscellaneous concert by out of town and local artists of the highest reputation, and the second part will include several miscellaneous selections and the famous masterpiece of the French composer, Camille St. Saens, his Christmas oratorio. This will be given by the choral society, which with outside singers secured for this occasion will form a chorus of 60 voices, assisted by an orchestra of 11 pieces, and the following: Miss Eugenie Tessier and Miss Clara Demers, sopranos, Miss E. Trudelle, mezzo-soprano, Miss Annie Gosselin, alto, Ben Franklin, tenor, L. N. Marell and Alphonse Girard, baritone. The orchestra is composed of Jasper Monroe and Thomas Boyd, violins; Messrs. Phillips and Dillaway, flutes; Mr. Fyfe, cello; Mr. Macumber, bass; Messrs. Thompson and Andrews, clarinets; Messrs. Steele and Nichols, cornets; G. Borden, trombone.

The miscellaneous program will be given by Mr. Marell, Miss Elizabeth Boyd, A. J. Harpin, T. M. Dillaway, Miss Eugenie Tessier and Ben Franklin. The accompanists will be Mrs. Desrochers of Adams, Miss Annie Boyd of this city, T. F. Murphy of this city, and Organist M. D. LeClair. The chorus will also render two or three selections. Director Joseph Brod-ur has had charge of the training of the chorus, and the result will be a treat not often provided for local music lovers.

BEGINS LIFE SENTENCE MONDAY

Hermans, the Stephentown Murderer, Spending Last Days in Jail

Deputy Sheriff Stone of Troy will take George Hermans to Dannemora prison Monday to serve a life sentence for the murder of Rhoda Horton and Eliza Jane Pratt at North Stephentown October 30 last.

A man from Cohoes named Hermans called at the jail in Troy yesterday and asked for a description of Hermans. He said he thought the murderer might be his cousin, who had formerly resided at Port Plain. Deputy Sheriff Stone described Hermans, and the man said the prisoner was not his cousin.

Hermans' wife called to see him at the jail this afternoon. His six children will be taken to see him before the end of the week. He has asked that he be allowed to remain at the jail until his aged mother can come and see him. She is expected to come Saturday.

Justice Fursman yesterday afternoon allowed \$1,379.20 for costs of the defense in the Hermans case. Of this sum \$500 goes to counsel and the balance for expenses in preparation for trial. On behalf of the people the expenses were \$87 to Cary & Roemer for maps and diagrams, \$73 to Hardy & Gunn for photographs and \$125 to Dr. C. B. Herriek for expert services.

COUNTY CALEDONIANS MEET

Decide to Hold Annual Scottish Games of Four Counties

The Caledonians of the county assembled in Pittsfield Monday evening voted to form a western Massachusetts organization of Caledonians, taking in all the Caledonians of the four western counties of the state. It has been decided to hold Scottish games once a year with the members of clubs in these counties competing. The formal organization of the clubs will be made later in Pittsfield when delegates from all clubs in the counties will meet there.

Those who favored the plan of amalgamation, Monday evening included Messrs. Morton of Adams, McDougal and Kerr of this city, Louis Burns of Pittsfield, Robert B. Dickie of Dalton, Mr. Macbeth of Pittsfield, Alexander McConnachie of Lenox opposed the plan.

The meeting decided to adopt a ritual and make the organizations a secret society with grips and pass words. A committee of nine was appointed to confer with the clans in other counties. Following the meeting there was a social hour, where story telling and songs made the occasion interesting.

CLARKSBURG TOWN MEETING

Officers Chosen Yesterday. No-License Carried by One Vote

The annual town meeting was held at Clarksburg yesterday, 35 votes being cast in the election. The officers elected and appropriations follow: Moderator, A. J. Cook; clerk and treasurer, Robert S. McKay; selectmen and overseers of the poor, E. W. Gleason, James A. Mixer and Edward H. Farnsworth; assessors, D. S. Dishoo, Charles Richmond, David N. Williams; school committee for three years, John M. Henry; auditor, F. W. Cox; tax collector, E. W. Gleason; constables, Charles O. Beals, Thomas Horrigan, Robert Lanfair, Alfred T. Moore, Joseph Brothers; tree warden, William E. Fuller; board of health, W. E. Fuller, William A. Henry, R. George Hall, trustees for public library, R. N. Evans, two years; Mrs. J. A. Holmes, three years.

Appropriations—Town officers, \$225; schools, \$500; teacher's salaries, \$1360; military aid, \$125; paupers, \$400; highways and bridges, \$1100; county tax, \$510; state tax, \$150; interest \$175; miscellaneous, \$280; total, \$4405. Liquor license: Yes, 11; no, 12.

County Road Bill Reported

In the legislature yesterday the committee on counties reported favorably on the bill to allow Berkshire county to build the proposed county road across Greylock mountain and the state reservation. This is the bill introduced and advocated by Senator Tolman.

A NOON WEDDING

Local Young Woman Married to Northampton Man Today

There was a pretty wedding at 12 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Sheldon, 208 Church street, when their daughter, Miss Eva J., was married to Walter L. Warner of Northampton. There were about 175 relatives and friends present. The house was tastefully decorated with evergreens, palms and ferns, and when the ceremony was performed the couple stood under an evergreen arch, from the top of which was suspended a large pink bow. The officiating clergyman was Rev. E. A. Wright, pastor of the Universalist church. The revised form of the Episcopal marriage service, with two rings, was used.

The bridesmaids were Miss Bertha Sheldon and Miss Agnes Brown, and Bert Davis was best man. Miss Barbara Vaux of Boston was the maid of honor, and the ribbon girls were Misses Ruth Bartlett and Margaret Tower. The bride was gown in white silk. The maid of honor wore white net over lavender silk, and the bridesmaids wore white over pink. The ushers were H. F. Willis and Kirk Pierce.

After the ceremony the congratulations of the company were extended and a collation was served. Mr. and Mrs. Warner left this afternoon for a wedding trip to Connecticut, and will make their home on Graves avenue, Northampton, in which city Mr. Warner is employed by the Harding hardware company. He is a young man of character and ability and his business prospects are bright. The bride is one of the well known and popular young women of the city. She is a graduate of the normal school and has met with success as a teacher. The couple have the congratulations and best wishes of a large number of friends. They received many handsome presents.

CITY MISSIONARY'S BIRTHDAY

Remembered by Rescue Mission Workers Last Evening

Last night Rescue Mission was the scene of an event which will never be forgotten by those who were fortunate enough to be present. Word, for a day or two had been quietly passed among friends of the work that it was the 35th birthday of the mission missionary Mrs. Sarah Jane Greeley. They determined, though the time was short, to give some evidence on the occasion of their appreciation of the good work she has done for the mission and this city. The mission was secured for the evening without consulting Mrs. Greeley, and she was requested not to fail to be present. She was also kept in absolute ignorance of the purpose of the special meeting, and it was started in the usual way. T. N. Doughtney, who had promised to be present was on hand. Superintendent Nichols requested him to assume charge after the opening exercises.

Mr. Doughtney made a brief, practical and vigorous talk. At the close he suddenly "switched off" to the 35th birthday of Mrs. Greeley, referring to her life and trials, as he had learned of them, from her birth to the present time and to the grand work she had accomplished in her chosen field of labor. After this in the name of the friends of the mission and reform work, he presented her with a beautiful dress pattern as a slight token of recognition of the great and good work she has done for suffering humanity in this city and elsewhere.

Mrs. Greeley who was undoubtedly more than surprised, responded in most touching terms. Supt. Nichols and Walter Moore made brief remarks as did also many ladies and gentlemen present, expressive of their gratitude to Mrs. Greeley for the great help she has been to them and the mission and to North Adams. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adams rendered instrumental selections. Mr. Doughtney sang "the poor old tramp" and recited a poem "I wandered far abroad." Mrs. Ida F. Maynard also recited an original poem for the event. At the close everybody advanced to the platform and shook hands with Mrs. Greeley.

More Money for Mull Trial

The cost of the trial of Archie Mull for the murder of Nellville B. Lord was materially added to yesterday, when a bill of Court Stenographer John E. Kelly was paid by the Rensselaer county treasurer on an order granted by supreme court justice Alden Chester. The bill was for \$1,182.48, and was for services not only as official stenographer at the trial but also for making four copies of the evidence for use on appeal. There are several volumes of the evidence, the biggest part of the transcribed matter being the examination of the very large extra panel of jurors called.

CHESHIRE

Samuel Cutler, who has been the guest of his brother James, has returned to Boston.

Joseph Vincent has moved into the Cronin house.

Miss Lois Dean has returned from Adams where she spent Sunday as the guest of her sister, Mrs. William Jenks.

Robert Wilkeshaw has returned from Glens Falls, N. Y., where he went to attend the funeral of his father.

The postponed annual meeting of the Methodist Sunday school will be held tonight.

Mrs. George Northrup gave a dinner party to a number of friends today.

Mrs. Jennie Campbell-Millard of North Adams is a guest at Joseph Campbell's.

The social under the auspices of the Epworth league at Warren Brown's netted the society \$8.

Mrs. Henry Davis is ill at the home of her sister in North Adams.

Samuel Cutler and Lemuel Brown are in Bennington, Vt.

The inventory in the estate of Daniel Callahan, late of Cheshire, as filed yesterday shows real estate of \$375.

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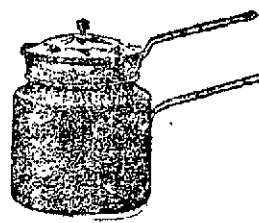
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